

High Point,

North Carolina.

1900.



*Sawing Lumber*

# HIGH POINT, N. C.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITS MANUFACTURING  
ENTERPRISES, TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF  
THOSE WHO HAVE BUILT THEM. x x x x



x BY J. J. FARRISS, EDITOR ENTERPRISE. x

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Main Street Looking North From Railroad.



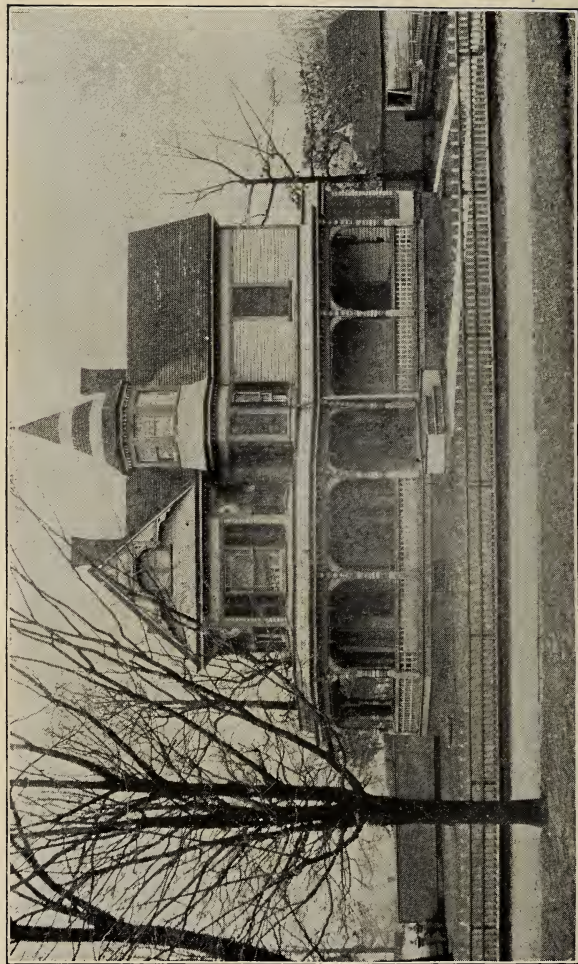
## P R E F A C E .

This publication, a short history of the business interests of High Point, is intended simply as a matter of record and incidentally as a means of information for those who are seeking homes and investment in the South.

This is a second edition of the book, the first one having been issued in 1896. As in the first publication, there is no attempt to advertise anything for sale or to offer "bargains" to the prospector.

There is no firm or land company back of it. It was planned and carried out by the editor ENTERPRISE, encouraged by the manufacturers and other business men of the town.

Most of the excellent cuts in the book were obtained from photos by J. E. Jones, High Point, N. C.



Residence Mayor J. J. Cox.

## CITY GOVERNMENT.

1899-1900.

Mayor—J. J. COX.

Secretary and Treasurer—O. N. RICHARDSON.

### ALDERMEN.

JOHN A. LINDSAY.	A. B. HORNEY.
O. N. RICHARDSON,	W. P. PICKETT.
E. A. BENCINI.	G. A. MATTON.
E. A. SNOW.	E. H. C. FIELD.

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1900-1901.

Mayor—J. J. COX.

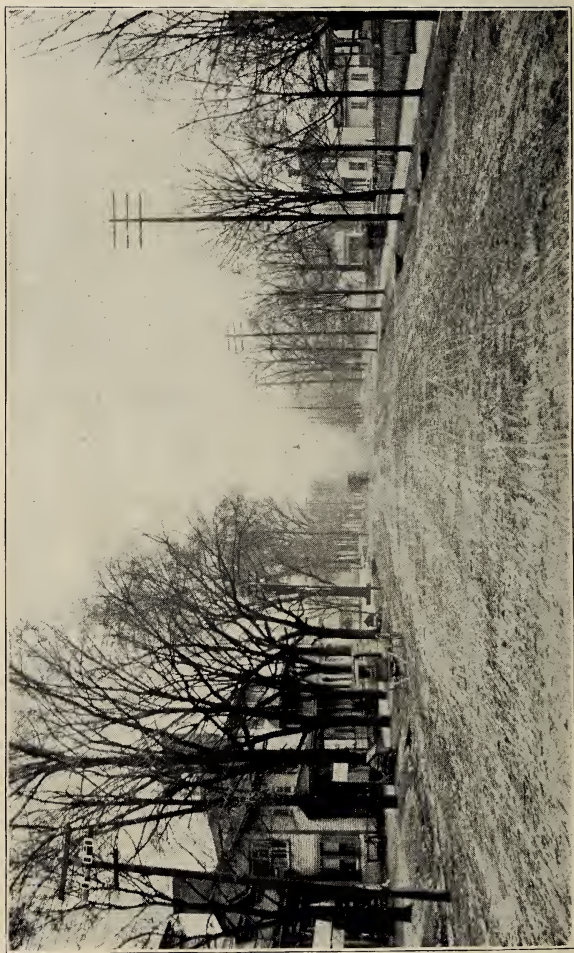
Secretary and Treasurer—L. FLAGLER.

### ALDERMEN.

J. P. REDDING.	D. H. HALL.
<u>J. W. SECHREST.</u>	J. J. WELCH.
J. R. HOLT.	J. H. MILLIS.
L. FLAGLER.	D. C. ALDRIDGE.

Chief Police—J. T. BENNETT.

Superintendent Electric Plant—C. C. MUSE.



Main Street, Looking South From Intersection of Factory Street.



# CITY'S PROGRESS.

High Point has, perhaps, made the most remarkable record in business of any of the smaller cities in the South. Within a comparatively short time it has built up a large manufacturing business which has challenged the admiration of larger markets in all sections of the country. Beginning in a small way, and without the aid of outside capital, it stands forth to-day the recognized market for furniture and other goods in the South. Practically without means a few years ago, to-day her financial status is among the best.

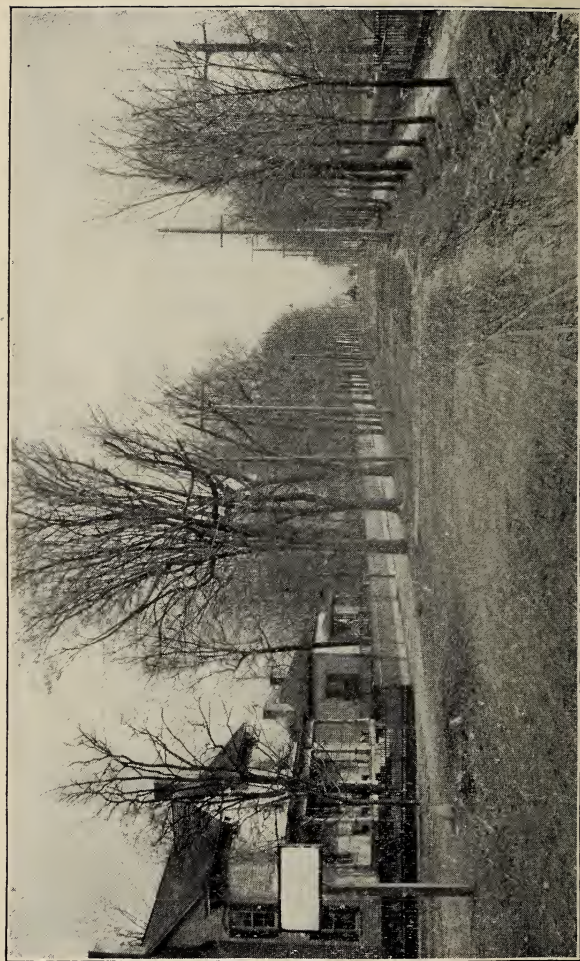
The result has been brought about by skill, courage of convictions and hard work.

The business men of High Point who chose to make manufacturing the bed rock on which to build a city, did not look about to see what other towns were doing, but struck out upon an original idea of their own and success has attended their efforts. Too many towns in the South have made the mistake of fashioning their policy after that of other towns—as a rule they imitate their mistakes or begin too late.

High Point has about 33 factories, a description of each may be found in this book. Most of these factories manufacture furniture of some kind, but it may be seen that success has followed in other lines as well.

The spirit of manufacturing has been instilled in the people here. It has gotten to be so in High Point that our young men look forward to the time when their savings will be sufficient to enable them to either take stock in one of our factories or build one for themselves. A great majority of the men who are identified with our manufacturing industries, are home boys..

Many of these men have had experience either in the shops or the office and are consequently well fitted for the responsible



Washington Street, Looking East.

positions of conducting factories. The advantages of practical training count for much. There are others among us, who, leaving other lines of business, have made manufacturing a study and are equally as successful.

High Point is situated in the Piedmont Section of North Carolina, on the Southern Railway, just half way between Washington and Atlanta. The population is about 4,500, over four-fifths white. The people are hospitable at heart and are always pleased to welcome new comers of the right kind. They are at all times very much absorbed in business and have never had time to make much of any one. This, at times, has been mistaken for disinterestedness, but it is not true. A business man who desires to enter the business life of High Point has only to get into the procession and he will receive the same consideration as those who have helped to shape the town's policy for years. To the man who desires to work, a special invitation is extended—work for the improvement and upbuilding of the community on an advanced line.

The people are progressive in thought as well as in action. A man in High Point is free to worship God as he pleases. He may believe and vote politically as his conscience dictates without the fear of ostracism or even dictation.

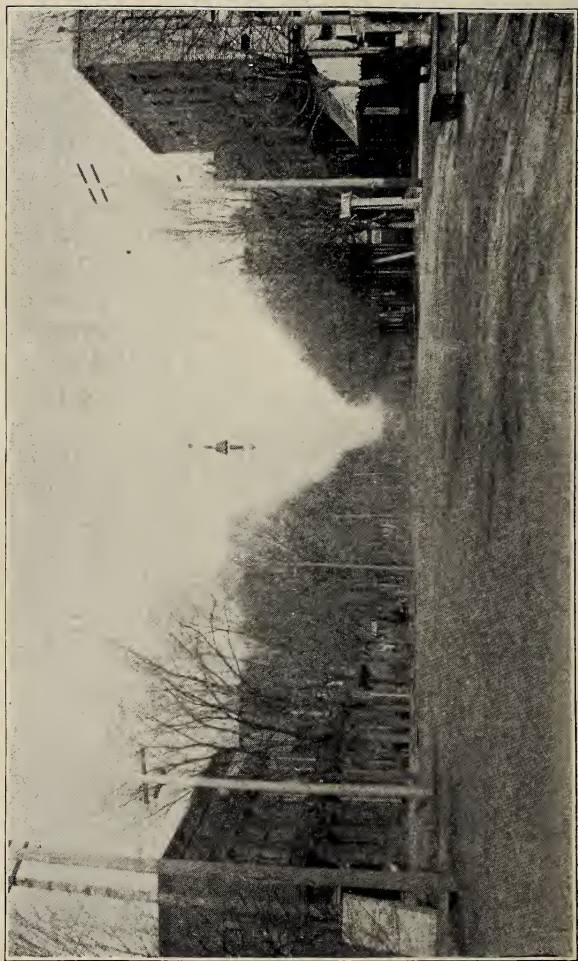
There are no bar-rooms in High Point and never have been. The charter of the town has always prohibited issuing license.

Many of the workingmen own their homes and the number is increasing very satisfactorily.

The order which prevails among the people is something remarkable. No serious difficulty has ever occurred in the city and only one town officer is required to keep the peace among so many people.

The city owns its electric light plant, pronounced one of the best in the South, and is self-supporting—the only case on record where a city furnishes lights at a nominal cost to the tax-payer.

High Point is right now on a pivotal point in regard to other public improvements but the industrial weight, the progress of the business here, hangs so heavily on one side that all that is needed along this line will come necessarily. The final consummation of this work has never troubled the prosperous citizen.



Main Street, Looking North from Washington Street.



## REAL ESTATE.

High Point has never gone into the land company business with a view to getting up a boom. Several years ago two land companies were organized here to open up some unimproved property. These lots sold for a nominal price and the outcome is that both sections of the city in which the companies operated are largely built up and the remaining lots unoccupied are in demand.

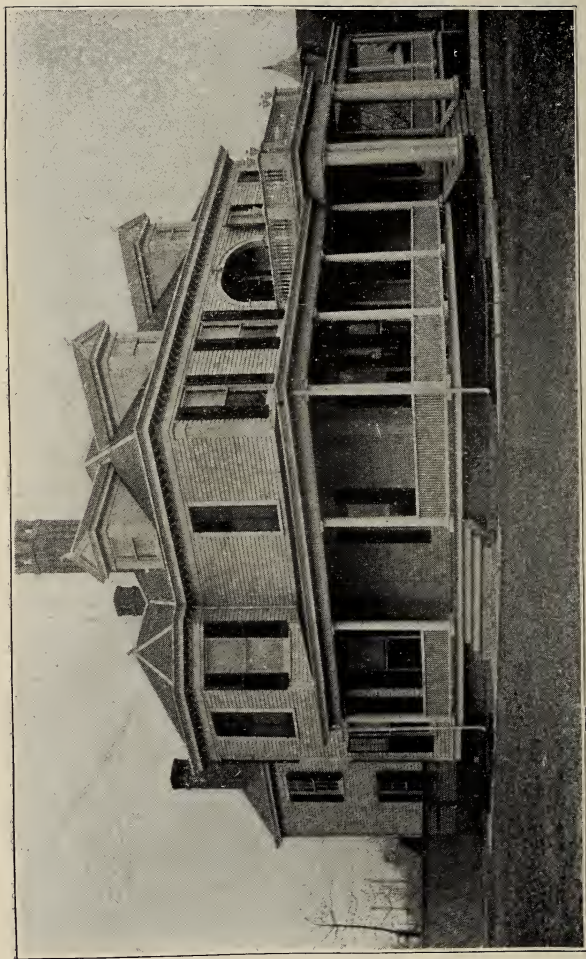
Mr. A. E. Tate has charge of one of the companies and Mr. W. C. Jones the other.

## COMMERCIAL.

High Point is fortunate in its commercial policy. In a community where there are so many factories the absence of factory stores is a matter of congratulation for the town. We have nothing to say against such stores because in some places they are as much a necessity as the factory itself. But High Point has never believed in them for High Point, and it has had a good effect. Here the way is left open for any who may wish to compete for this large trade, and among our citizens some of the the best and most substantial are among the merchants.

They do a cash business which is necessarily a safe business. It has been said by leading commercial agencies that there have been fewer failures in High Point during the past fifteen years than any town of the same population in the State. There are scarcely any on record.

The trade comes largely from operatives in the factories, augmented by a good back country business. While the latter is not so large as it was before the town got to be a railroad centre it is good, and the little we have lost by the small store along the new railroad, we have gotten back ten fold through the factories that are helped and encouraged by additional railroad facilities. This branch of business in High Point is so conducted that it counts for much in the way of progress. Some of the stores will do credit to a town much larger in population ; they leave nothing undone which would add convenience and comfort to the customer. The best service always goes in High Point and the merchants were the first to find this out.



Residence of W. H. Ragan.

## RAILROADS—SHIPPING.

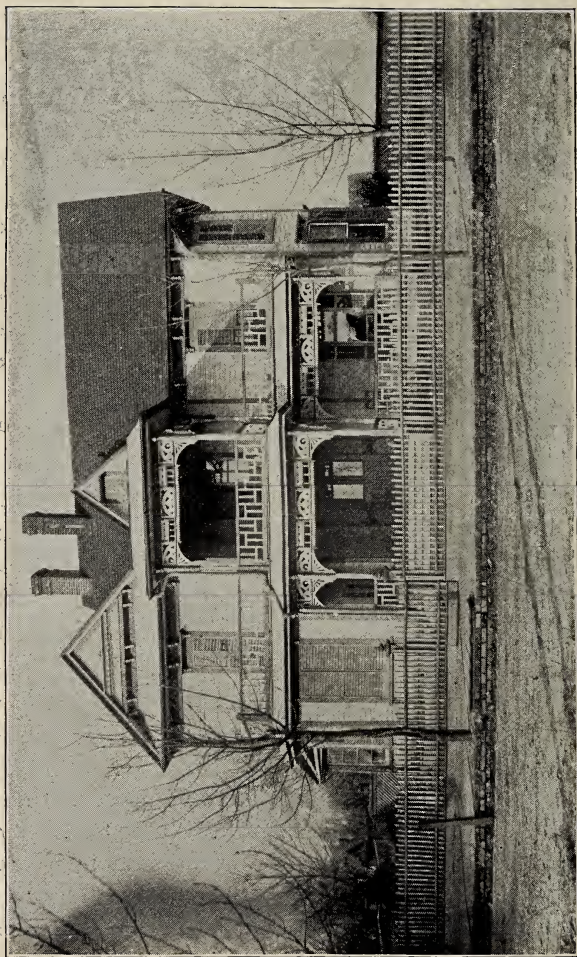
High Point is situated on the great Southern Railway, 302 miles from Washington and 300 miles from Atlanta, a half way point. The local affairs of the road are in charge of Mr. H. C. Field, one of the best of the younger railroad men.

There are twelve passenger trains daily which includes some of the finest service in America. All of the through vestibule trains between New York and Florida is part of the service furnished the town. It has been said that High Point has the best passenger service of any town of the same population on the road.

High Point is also the terminus of High Point, Randleman, Asheboro & Southern Railroad, a branch road that runs to Asheboro, 28 miles south. At this point connection is made with the A. & A. road which connects at Aberdeen with the great Seaboard system. This short road gives High Point a Southern outlet but it is part of the same system as the main line.

High Point will have another railroad—a competing line. The Business Men's Association realizing the great need along this line have appointed a special standing committee whose duty it is to push the project aggressively.

It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of the shipping done. The tonnage has increased so greatly of recent months, that the Southern Railway Co. has not only had to increase the side tracks here for two miles or more, but they find it necessary to keep a special engine here all the time in order to place the raw material, and take out the manufactured goods. In order to give some idea as to the amount of business done by our numerous factories, we make note of just one item: From January 1, 1899 to January 1, 1900, one factory shipped 900 solid cars of manufactured goods, and this does not include the thousands of piece orders which came in the year's work. We do not mean to infer that all of the factories come up to this mark.



Residence Geo. A. Matton.



## AS A RESORT.

High Point has never been put forward by her people as a resort, but notwithstanding this there are hundreds of visitors here every winter and summer. Several years ago a hotel was built here for the accommodation of sportsmen who found game plentiful and for a time the Field Trial Clubs had their meetings here every winter. This led to the impression on the outside that the principal products of the town were quail and bird dogs. But incidentally these meetings here proved very helpful. While attending these meetings very prominent business men had an opportunity to judge of this splendid climate, where the weather is never severe and now many years after the Field Trial Clubs have gone to less important places, the fruits of the observations of our visitors are seen on every hand. There are scores of individuals who come with their families every winter while four of the wealthiest men north have built houses and lodges near the town and have made their headquarters here.

A few miles south of the town Mr. W. Gould Brokaw has built a Lodge which has cost him no less than \$50,000. He has erected picturesque houses, log cabins and hunting boxes on the place which are fitted out in costly modern style. In connection with the Lodge is 30,000 acres of hunting ground on which Mr. Brokaw has exclusive privilege.

Only a mile from town Mr. George Gould has erected kennels and established headquarters. Two years ago he sent his agent here who laid out plans for the present Lodge. It is expected that larger quarters will be provided. Mr. Gould has privileges on several thousand acres.

Mr. Pierre Llorillard has had a house here for ten years. His manager spends the winter months here.

High Point, while strictly a manufacturing town is not a town of one idea only and it is very probable that in the near future we will provide largely for our visitors.



Sapp-Kirkman Residence.

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

High Point manages its own affairs. Our electric light system has been a subject for discussion among many towns in this and other States.

High Point was among the first towns in the South to adopt the policy of municipal ownership in the matter of electric lights.

The experience of the past seven years has demonstrated beyond measure that this course was a wise one. At the present time the city furnishes 40 arc lights at a very small cost to the tax-payer, the expense rarely ever running over \$15.00 per light per annum and many times the plant has proved self-sustaining.

The incandescent lights are furnished by the city to private parties at a reasonable rate and the service is in general use in the factories, stores and private houses. One of the objections that is urged against municipal ownership is that the service as a rule is not as good as it is when furnished by private parties. High Point has had no trouble of this kind, the service given by the city giving general satisfaction.

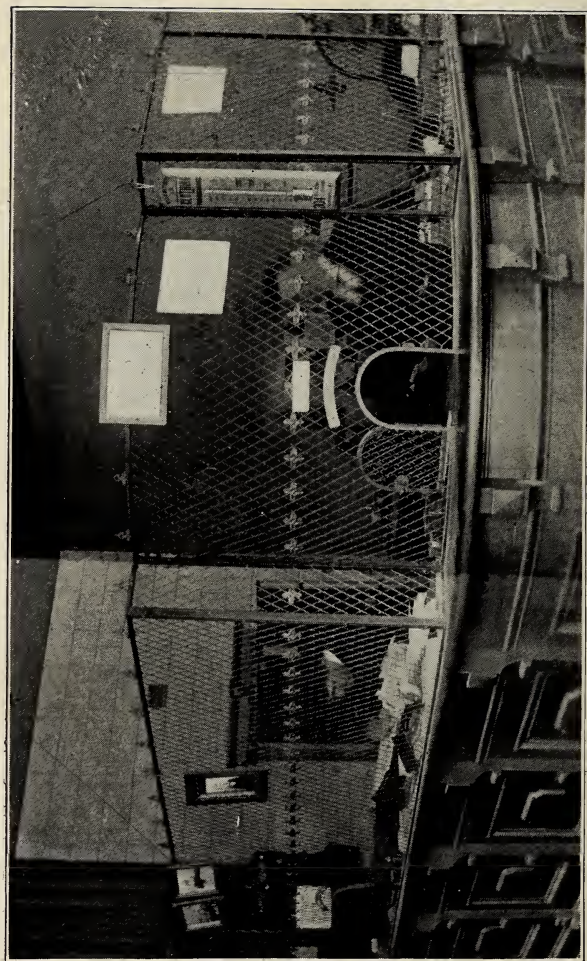
The plant has been in charge of C. C. Muse, a skilled machinist and electrician, from the beginning and this accounts in a large measure for the good service.

It is with a municipality as with an individual, it pays to get the best.

## FINANCIAL.

The success of a town depends largely upon its financial institutions. They are not only an index to the amount of business carried on in a community but in most cases they are the forerunners, the inspirators to business. If we go into the avenues of trade and traffic it can readily be seen that the solid financial institutions of a community contribute largely to its success. They are the head centers from which is sent out the leaven which returns after a time with increase.

In order to show how signally High Point is blessed along this line we have only to review the work of our excellent banks for the past few years.



Interior National Bank of High Point.



# REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF HIGH POINT,

At close of business April 26, 1900.

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, - - - - -	\$252,960.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured - - - - -	1,934.49
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation - - - - -	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds, - - - - -	1,665.00
Stocks, securities, etc., - - - - -	1,974.28
Furniture and fixtures, - - - - -	1,260.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents),	24,130.97
Due from State Banks and Bankers, - - - - -	411.82
Due from approved Reserve Agents, - - - - -	11,385.94
Checks and other cash items, - - - - -	3,156.89
Fractional Paper Currency, nickels and cents - - -	163.08
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz :	
Specie, - - - - -	\$17,725.55
Legal tender notes, - - - - -	13,580.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation,) - - - - -	562.50
<b>Total, - - - - -</b>	<b>\$380,911.19</b>

### LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in, - - - - -	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund, - - - - -	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, -	14,353.46
National Bank notes outstanding, - - - - -	11,250.00
Due to other National Banks, - - - - -	44,597.36
Due to State Banks and Bankers, - - - - -	61,090.77
Individual deposits subject to check, - - - - -	177,469.60
Demand certificates of deposit, - - - - -	1,650.00
Cashier's checks outstanding, - - - - -	500.00
<b>Total, - - - - -</b>	<b>\$380,911.19</b>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GUILFORD, ss.:

I, E. M. ARMFIELD, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. M. ARMFIELD, Cashier.

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF HIGH POINT.

The National Bank of High Point was opened for business May 31, 1886, its capital stock, \$50,000.00, not being fully paid until October 1st following. It supplied a long felt need in the community and has enjoyed the confidence of all classes from its very beginning. At that time there was only one bank in Greensboro, two at Winston and none at Lexington. In fact



Building Occupied by National Bank of High Point.

there are only thirteen banks in the State out of of 118 at present which have been in continuous operation for a longer period than this one. Its first Board of Directors were W. H. Ragan, Dr. A. J. Sapp, J. A. Lindsay, W. P. Pickett and W. J. Armfield, and its first officers were W. J. Armfield, President; Dr. A. J. Sapp, Vice-President, and C. W. Worth, Cashier. On November 1, 1888, Mr. C. W. Worth resigned the position of Cashier

to take charge of the business of Worth & Worth, now The Worth Co., Wilmington, N. C., and E. M. Armfield, the present Cashier, was elected to succeed him. In December, 1891, the position of Vice-President was made vacant by the death of Dr. A. J. Sapp. Mr. John A. Lindsay was elected to succeed him which position he still holds. Mr. A. B. Sapp and Mr. R. A. Slaughter are now Book-keepers for the Bank and the present Board of Directors is composed of W. H. Ragan, J. A. Lindsay, J. H. Millis, N. C. English and W. J. Armfield.



W. J. ARMFIELD, Sr.,  
President National Bank of High Point.  
Vice-President Bank of Randolph.

The bank is located on the corner of College and Salem Streets, and occupies a commodious, well lighted and ventilated building which is equipped with fire and burglar proof vault and safe, double time lock and safe deposit boxes.

There have been but few changes, either in the management or shareholders of the bank, only ten shares of stock having changed hands in seven years. It has paid 114% (\$57,000.00) in dividends besides accumulating a surplus and undivided profit account of 70% (\$35,000.00) since its organization. It has





Residence W. J. Armfield.



pursued an unvarying course of honesty and fair dealing and has extended every accommodation consistent with sound business principles, with favoritism to none, with good will to all. No business man in High Point with first-class collateral or endorsement has ever failed to get accommodations within the legal limit at this bank.

High Point is indebted in a great measure for what it is to-day to this institution for it stimulated business along all lines and when our manufacturing industries were in their infancy, it carried



J. A. LINDSAY,  
Vice-President National Bank of High Point.  
Sec. and Treas. Lindsay Chair Co.

them along by a judicious advance of funds, thereby enabling them to attain the prosperity which they are now enjoying.

The bank has at all times encouraged manufacturing along all lines, its officers and shareholders being interested in a large number of our factories and it now carries the accounts and fills the pay rolls of twenty of High Point's thirty-three manufacturing establishments besides quite a number at other places; has been and is now the firm friend of the manufacturer.

The officers and directors of the bank have within the past three years established State Banks at Asheboro, Thomasville, Graham, Madison and Carthage, N. C., all of which use this bank as a depository and the bank's resources and sphere of usefulness have been greatly enlarged thereby.

The bank solicits the accounts of banks, individuals, firms and corporations and guarantees every facility and accommodation which their business and responsibility warrant.

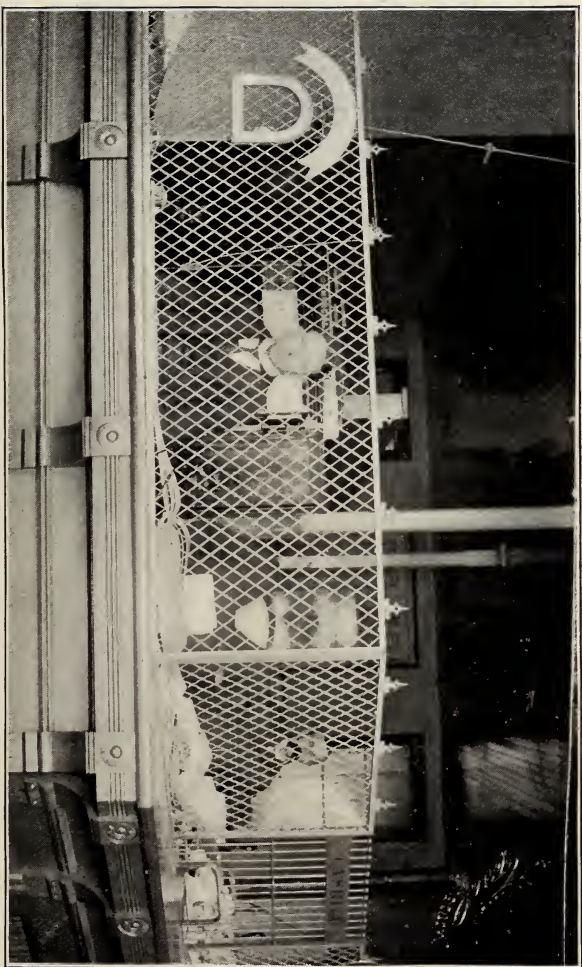


E. M. ARMFIELD,  
Cash'r Nat'l Bank of High Point. Pres. Bank of Thomasville. Pres. Bank of Alamance.



A. B. SAPP,  
Book-keeper National Bank of High Point.

It also invites correspondence from those seeking homes and investments in this section. A copy of the bank's last official report to the Comptroller of the Currency appears on page 19 which speaks for itself.



Interior Commercial National Bank.

# REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK.

Of High Point, N. C.

To Comptroller of Currency at the close of business April 26th, 1900.

## RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 158,523 75
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,	-	-	-	-	-	1,263 56
U. S. Bonds and Premiums,	-	-	-	-	-	52,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures,	-	-	-	-	-	1,000 00
Other Real Estate Owned,	-	-	-	-	-	2,824 27
Revenue Stamps,	-	-	-	-	-	99 00
Cash on hand and in banks	-	-	-	-	-	23,451 39
Redemption Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	2,500 00
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 241,661 97

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus and profits net,	-	-	-	-	-	16,919 81
Circulation,	-	-	-	-	-	50,000 00
Notes and Bills rediscounted,	-	-	-	-	-	5,300 00
Deposits,	-	-	-	-	-	119,442 16
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Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 241,661 97



## COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK.

Early in 1891 it became evident to a number of the leading business men of our city that if High Point was to be made a manufacturing city of any great importance the first steps



Building Occupied by Commercial National Bank.

necessary to secure this end was to establish better banking facilities.

Those engaged in the manufacturing business were the prime movers and the largest subscribers to its stock. As soon as their names were announced its success was assured. Nearly every

one of its stockholders are interested in some of the factories at High Point and in the large cotton mills in the adjoining counties. The bank helped the factories and the factories in a great measure made the bank. We have often heard the remark that this bank should have been named the Manufacturer's National Bank.

The bank opened its doors for business June 1st, 1891, its capital all paid in Oct. 1st, 1891; and at once established a high credit as one of the strongest financial institutions of the State. It has enjoyed a popularity almost unprecedented.

It has paid out \$30,000 in dividends and has steadily built up



J. ELWOOD COX,  
President Commercial National Bank.  
Manufacturer Shuttle Blocks, Bobbins, Spokes, Handles, Etc.

a large undivided profit account until now it has a handsome surplus amounting to nearly \$20,000.

During the great panic of 1893 this bank paid cash on demand for every check presented against it. It made up the pay rolls for the factories without hesitation and at the same time furnished currency to several other banks in the State that were unable to obtain it from their regular correspondents.

It is a great credit to High Point that her factories did not have to shut down during the panic and that the mill men were able to pay their hands in cash every Saturday night. The

Commercial National Bank fills the pay rolls of over 20 of the largest factories in High Point and for several of the large cotton mills in Randolph county, and during the past year its volume of business reached up in the millions.

The nine directors of this institution are among our leading, most substantial and successful business men, and for safe and conservative management they are unexcelled anywhere. The present board: F. M. Pickett, J. Elwood Cox, J. J. Welch, W. G. Bradshaw, W. P. Pickett, M. J. Wrenn, J. B. Best, J. P. Redding, J. J. Cox.

Immediately on passage of the new Financial bill the Commercial National Bank bought \$50,000 of 2% Government Bonds and took out circulation to the par value of same.

The Commercial National Bank invites new business, it fosters



R. C. CHARLES,  
Cashier Commercial National Bank.

manufacturing, it is the reliable and substantial friend of the shop and mill men and as the commercial interests of High Point grow and expand and develop, in proportion so will the business of the bank enlarge and its success be more pronounced, for it ever keeps in touch with the vital forces of the City's progressive growth.

Officers—President, J. Elwood Cox; Vice President, W. G. Bradshaw; Cashier, R. C. Charles; Asst. Cashier, Chas. Hauser.

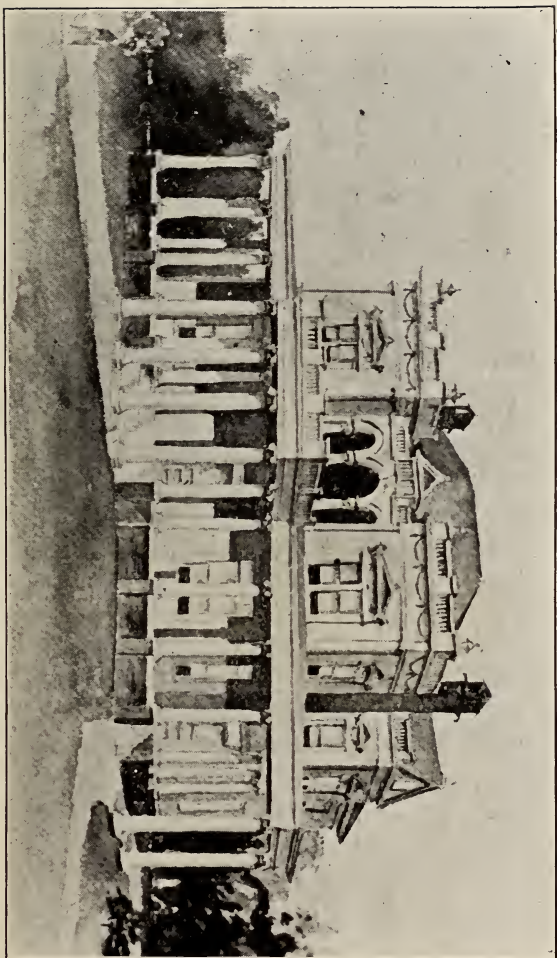
Mr. R. C. Charles was born in Guilford county in 1853. He was brought up on his father's farm, a few miles from High Point. He has had splendid advantages in a business way, beginning in a store in Salem—he has steadily advanced until he has reached his present responsible position. In 1876 he went to Missouri where he was engaged in business for three years. He returned to North Carolina and was engaged in business with Geo. E. Nissen & Co., where he remained eight years. In 1887 he moved to High Point and engaged in the merchandise business.



CHAS. M. HAUSER,  
Assistant Cashier Commercial National Bank.

This he followed until he was appointed Post Master in 1894. The office prospered under his management, the salary having been raised twice during his administration on account of increase of the receipts of the office. In 1899 he was elected Cashier of the Commercial National Bank, which position he has since held with much credit to himself. He is among our best and safest business men.





Residence M. J. Wrenn (Under Contract.)

## BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.

High Point has had some profitable experience in local Building & Loan Associations. These associations are gotten up by our home people and managed altogether by them. The first association, "High Point Building & Loan Association," paid out in 76 months without the loss of a dollar.

"The Second High Point Building and Loan Association" has now been running 6 years and its affairs are in excellent shape and its stock will probably mature this year. This fine record has been made under the six per cent. law. Our first association collected 8 per cent.

The Peoples Building & Loan Association, first series, has been running 42 months and the second series about 15 months. The stockholders could not ask for better results.

None of our associations have ever experienced a loss—most remarkable record.

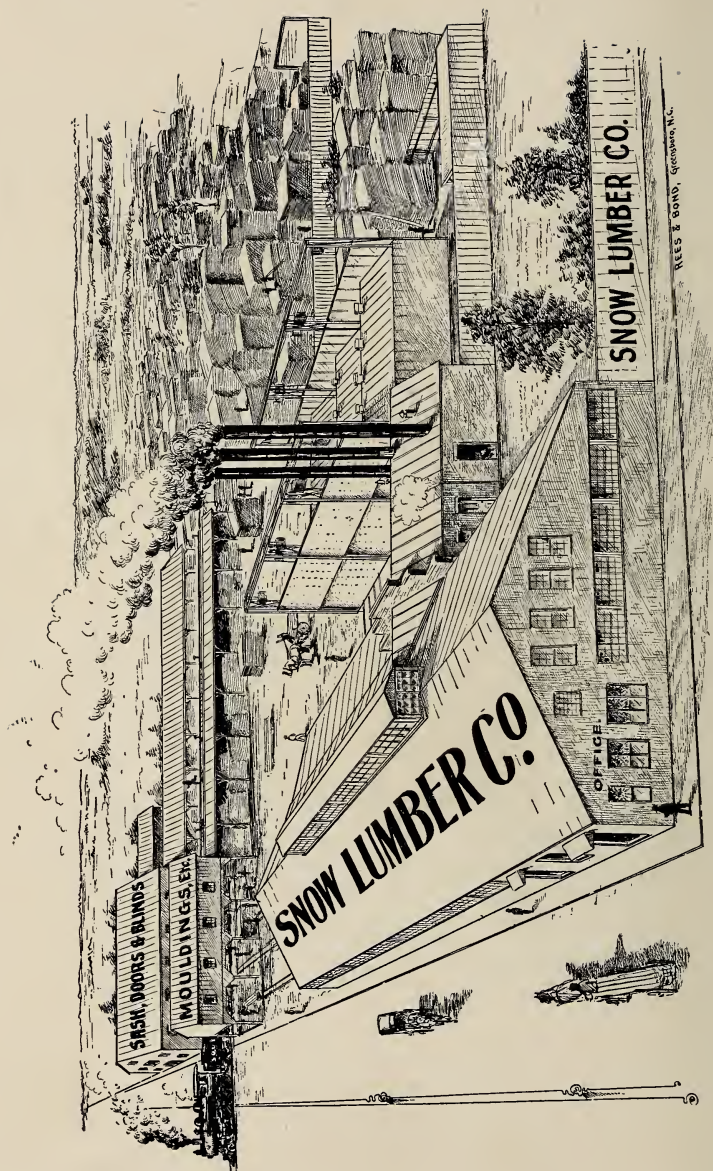
Officers of Second High Point Building & Loan Association—President, W. H. Ragan; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. G. Bradshaw.

Peoples Building & Loan Association, First and Second Series—President, E. M. Armfield; Secretary and Treasurer, John A. Lindsay.

The benefit derived from these associations have gone largely to the working classes of our people who have been enabled to accumulate money and build homes. A proof that they are for the benefit of the people is the fact that there is only one paid officer and he draws the flattering sum of one hundred dollars a year !



Residence F. A. Snow.



SNOW LUMBER CO.

Main Factory Building Covers Over Half Acre of Ground.



## SNOW LUMBER CO.

This Company has for several years done a very large business and its reputation is well known over many States. The business was first organized in 1881 under the firm name of E. A. Snow & Co., and has had a very successful career.

In the year 1886 Mr. R. F. Dalton became interested in the business and the firm name was changed to Snow & Dalton.

In 1890 the company was incorporated as Snow Lumber Co. with a paid up capital of \$25,000. R. F. Dalton was elected



R. F. DALTON,  
President Snow Lumber Co.

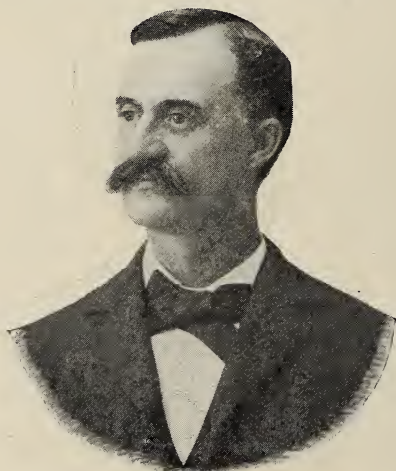
president and E. A. Snow secretary and treasurer. The business has continued under this management until the present day. In January, 1900, the capital stock was increased to \$100,000 but there was no stock sold to outsiders, the additional stock being taken by the present owners.

The company manufactures sash, doors and blinds and are large furnishers of building material. The amount of business done is enormous for a Southern plant, requiring for the machinery a building which covers over half acre of ground.

There are one hundred machines in the mill arranged to facilitate work. The plant employs one hundred and fifty men, many of whom are skilled workmen in their line.

The warehouse is as large as an ordinary factory, measuring 60x100. In this house the glazing is done and the goods prepared for shipment, there being a side track of the Southern railroad running through the yard in close proximity to the warehouse doors.

There are three large dry kilns on the yard, the combined measurement of which is 60x60 feet. The engine house is built



E. A. SNOW,  
Secretary and Treasurer Snow Lumber Co.

entirely of brick and iron, and measures 24x50 feet—wholly fireproof.

The capacity of the mill per day is two hundred doors, two hundred pairs of sash, one hundred pairs of blinds.

The plant is operated by an enormous Corliss engine of two hundred and fifty horse power. This will give the reader some idea as to the machinery required to handle the output of the mill.

The company are large consumers of glass. It has been given out by large brokers North that Snow Lumber Co. consumes

more glass than any sash and blind factory in the South. This speaks well for the business of the company and is quite a compliment to the town.

#### AUXILIARIES.

In connection with the home mill the company has a large branch factory at Steeds, N. C., under the management of Mr. W. F. Norman. There are twenty-five hands employed at this mill, operating four large planers and other necessary machinery. This branch factory alone does a business as large as some of the well-to-do factories at other points. There are hundreds of cars of dressed lumber that leave this mill every year.

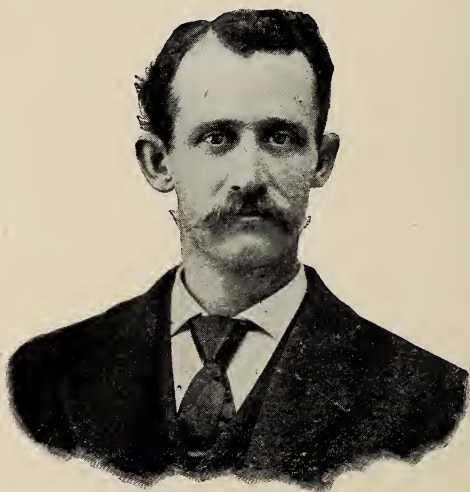


J. E. KIRKMAN,  
Superintendent Snow Lumber Co.

Much of the raw material used by the company comes from their own lands in Montgomery county. Near Wadeville they have 5,000 acres of the best timbered land in the long leaf section. At that point the company operates a large mill that does the raw cutting. This mill is in charge of a competent mill man.

It can readily be seen that with these facilities Snow Lumber Co. stands among the first in the lumber manufacturing business in the South.

The company is under excellent management in every way. We doubt if there is a corporation in the South in which every officer fits in as well as do the officers and head men of Snow Lumber Co. Mr. R. F. Dalton, the president, is a man of quick perception and solid judgment, and is recognized as a thorough business man. He is well and favorably known



R. A. BENCINI,  
Book-keeper Snow Lumber Co.

at home and abroad and a man never does business with him that does not recognize his strong personality.

Mr. Dalton was born in Rockingham county in 1857. He is the son of the late Rev. P. H. Dalton, a prominent Presbyterian minister who gave half century of a long life to the ministry in this State.

Mr. Dalton was educated at Bingham School. For five years he was in business in Greensboro. In 1886 he moved to High Point and has been identified with the company since that time. He is also interested in furniture manufacturing.



Mr. E. A. Snow, secretary and treasurer, is a born mechanic with the advantages of a technical education and practical experience both in the shop and in the office. He can take a piece of timber and come as near telling in a moment what it will make and how to make it, as any one. Coupled with this is an analytical turn crowned with excellent judgment on all lines.

He was born in the State of Vermont—Montpelier—in 1850, and was educated mainly in the public schools of Lowell, Mass. He took the mechanics' art course at Cornell University. When a boy Mr. Snow moved to Greensboro and four years thereafter, 1871, he came to High Point, where he has since lived. Like his partner in business, Mr. Dalton, he is interested largely in other manufacturing plants here.

Snow Lumber Co. is our largest manufacturing plant and the town is justly proud of it.

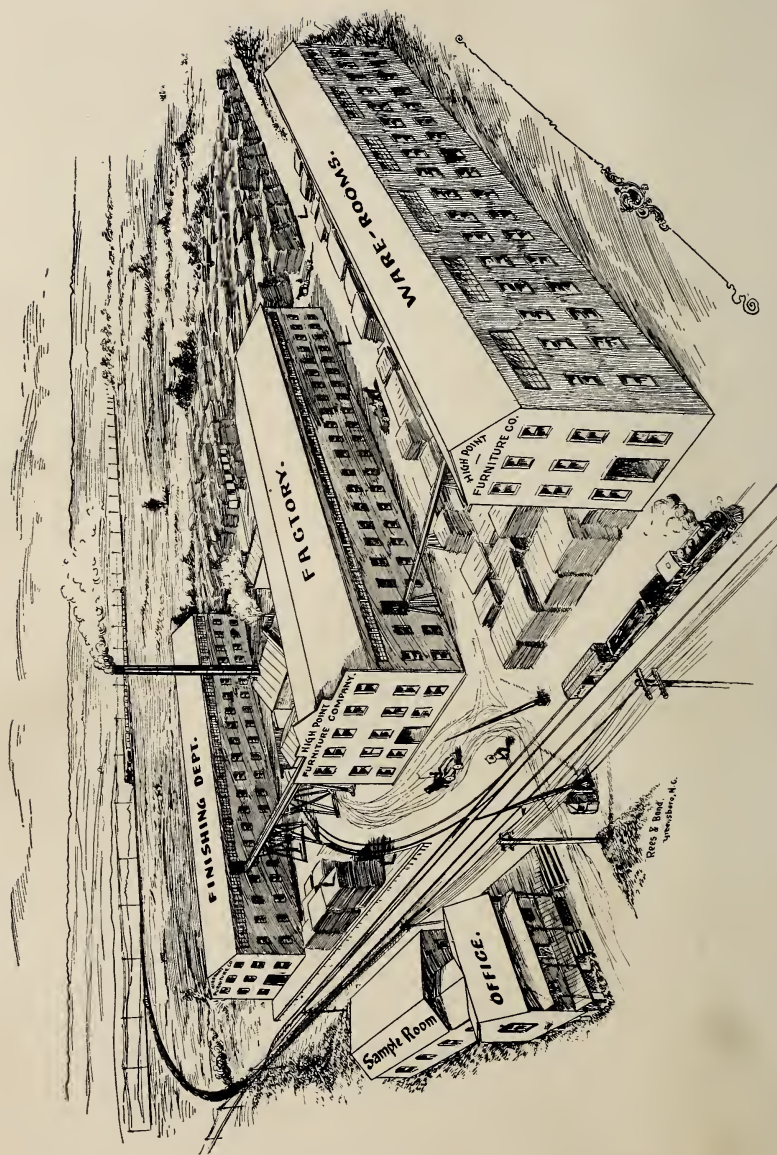
The company has only two elective officers, president and secretary and treasurer.

The shops and yards are under the management of Mr. J. Ed Kirkman, who has been connected with the company for a number of years. His experience and training has been such as to qualify him peculiarly for so responsible position. Mr. Kirkman is a Guilford county boy, reared in High Point, and has been successful. He is a stockholder in this and other manufacturing plants of the town.

Mr. E. A. Bencini is cashier of the company. He has been closely identified with the business and is well fitted to perform the arduous duties which command his attention. He is a stockholder in the company and interested largely in other lines of manufacturing. He has been connected with the manufacturing business since he was fifteen years old and has been successful.

## PEERLESS MACHINE WORKS.

Mr. W. D. Burgess is proprietor of Peerless Machine Works. He has in connection with the shops a well-equipped foundry. This plant is building up quite a good trade in repair work and casting.



HIGH POINT FURNITURE CO.

## HIGH POINT FURNITURE CO.

The first furniture factory that was organized here took the name of the town—"High Point Furniture Co." This company was organized ten years ago, and has been in successful operation ever since, having an exceeding large custom covering several States. While the company has always done well, it has never been as successful as it is to-day.

It is one of our largest plants, doing an immense amount of business North and South. It is owned by Mr. M. J. Wrenn, who is at its head, devoting his entire time to the business. He has lately made many changes and additions to the plant



M. J. WRENN,  
Secretary and Treasurer High Point Furniture Co.

which he thought necessary to keep up with the spirit of the times and the subsequent events have demonstrated that he made no mistake. In a short time the capacity of the plant was doubled by putting in a double set of machinery and making needed changes at particular points. Spacious sample parlors have also been provided, a large building having been erected adjacent to the office for this purpose. These rooms prove helpful to the many buyers that come to High Point.

This company has put many handsome lines of furniture on

the market during the past season which have taken well with the trade, attested by the fact that their sales last year were much greater than on any previous year. Mr. Wrenn is always on the lookout for any addition in style and finish of goods which will be of advantage to the trade.

In order to be sure of greater capacity for the coming season the company has put in engines and boilers of large size. The boiler is 150 horse-power and the engine, one of the finest made, is 125 horse-power.

Mr. Wrenn is thoroughly in touch with every department of his work and is succeeding beyond measure. He studies out his own plans and puts them into operation without seeking outside advice and the success of his undertakings is positive proof of his ability.

## HIGH POINT MANTEL & TABLE CO.

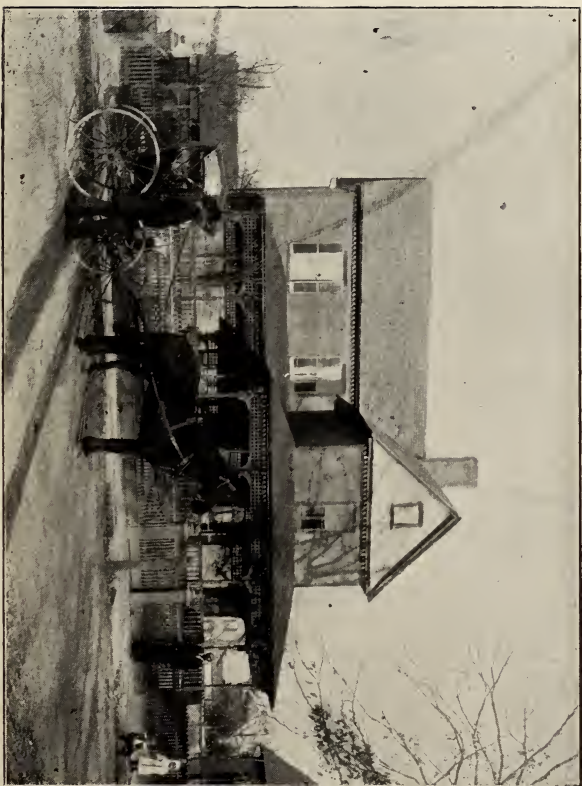


O. E. KEARNS,  
Secretary and Treasurer High Point Mantel & Table Co.

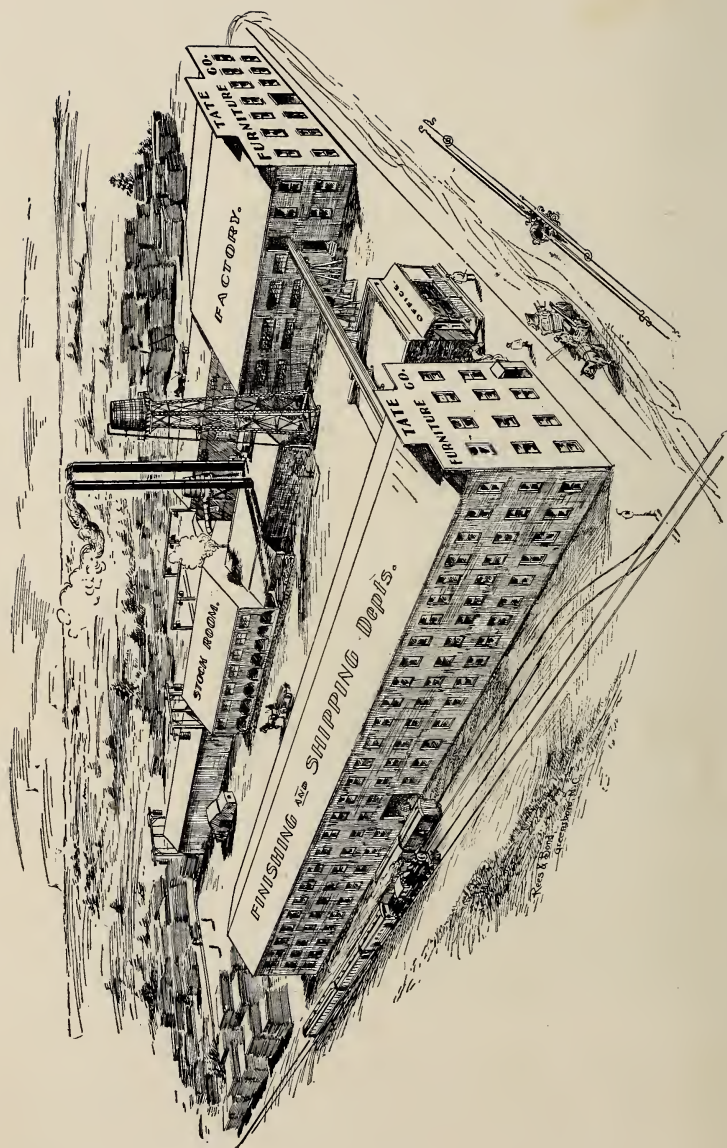
This company is just completing their plant. They have spared neither pains nor expense in erecting a plant adequate in every way for their special line. They will put on the market several grades of mantels and tables, designed by skilled men and wrought of first-class material.

Mr. O. E. Kearns, the secretary and treasurer, who is a large stockholder in the company, is a young man of good business judgment and a pusher. He has had experience in business, always successful, which enables him to enter this work well qualified to carry it through successfully.





Residence Dr. D. A. Stanton.



TATE FURNITURE CO.

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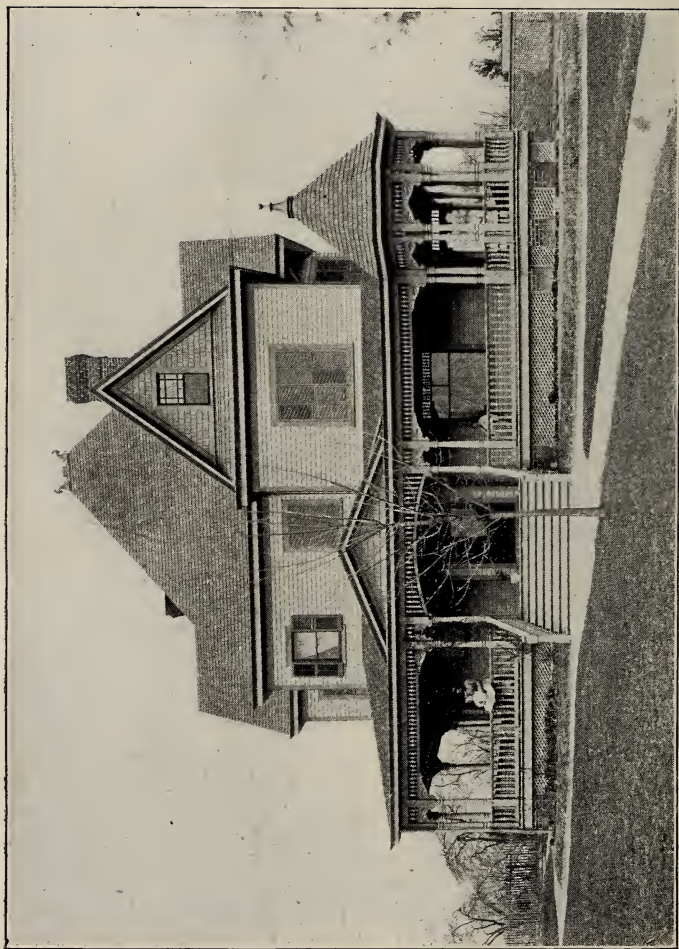
Tate Furniture Co. was organized in 1893 with a capital stock of \$15,000 with John H. Tate as president and A. E. Tate secretary and treasurer. These gentlemen carried into this business a knowledge and experience which, coupled with clean and business-like methods gave the business an impetus which has carried it along and put it in the front rank of the best manufacturing industries. It has always been the policy of the company to put nothing on the market that would not withstand



J. H. TATE,  
President Tate Furniture Co.

the severest test, and in consequence of this method of doing business they have built up a trade of which any factory might be proud. They believe in doing a thing right at the beginning. This policy has always paid.

The company makes medium grade chamber suites, chiffoniers, beds and dressers. The business of the company increased to such an extent that three years ago the capital stock was increased to \$24,000, and only recently, within the past few weeks, the capacity of the plant has been increased 25 per cent.



Residence A. E. Tate.



This has necessitated a new warehouse and finishing room three stories, making it two hundred and fifty feet long. A new cabinet room, two stories, has also been erected together with a commodious show room, which will prove quite a convenience to their many visiting buyers.

The factory works from seventy-five to one hundred hands.

The superintendent of the factory, Mr. E. M. Purdy, is a man fully up to his work in all lines.

The company stands well with the trade everywhere which is a matter of congratulation to the management.



A. E. TATE,  
Sec'y and Treasurer Tate Furniture Co.

Mr. A. E. Tate, secretary and treasurer, has also had the general management of the business for over two years. He is a Canadian by birth but has lived in Guilford county since he was a boy. Moved to High Point in 1885, engaging in business with his brother. In 1889 he became the special agent for Equitable Life Insurance Co. which business he followed for several years in connection with real estate and fire insurance. When the Tate Furniture Company was organized he became secretary and treasurer, which position he now holds. He is a stockholder in the company and is also one of the firm of J. J. Cox & Co. in the

fire insurance business; stockholder in Home Furniture Co., Southern Chair Co., High Point Development Co. Mr. Tate is recognized as one of the best business men in the community.

Mr. John H. Tate, the president, was general manager of the company up to two years ago, but does not now give any of his time to the business although he is a large stockholder in the company.

Born in Canada 1858. He moved to Guilford county near Jamestown, when he was quite a young man. He moved to High Point in 1883 and was engaged in the merchandise business. He built the store house on the corner where Ring's drug store now stands, being the first store of modern design then in the city.

In 1890 Mr. Tate, together with Messrs. T. F. Wrenn and E. A. Snow, started the furniture manufacturing business here. He became superintendent of the High Point Furniture Co., owning an equal share in the factory. A few years later, 1893, he sold his stock in this company and organized the Tate Furniture Co., he being the largest stockholder in it.

Mr. Tate owns a splendid farm near the city. He gives his attention to this outdoor work on account of his health.

## HIGH POINT PANTS CO.

The first factory erected here for the manufacture of clothing was the High Point Pants Co. It is owned and operated by Messrs. R. L. Pickett and C. A. Barbee, two of our hustling young business men.

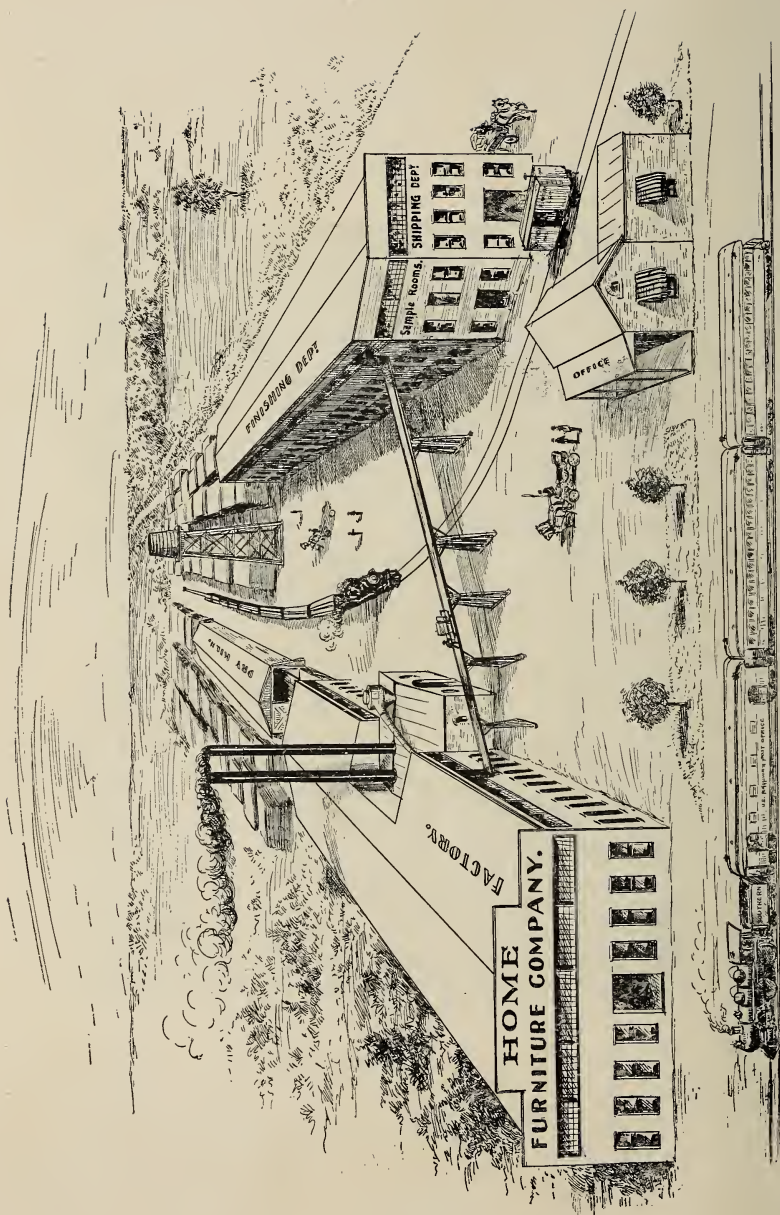
The factory has only been in operation a few months but during this short period has built up a large trade.

The class of goods put upon the market is popular with the trade everywhere.

High Point expects much from this diversion in the manufacturing line.



Residence of J. J. Welch.



Reas & Bond, Greensboro, N.C.

HOME, FURNITURE CO.



## HOME FURNITURE CO.

High Point is now making a very high grade of goods. The Home Furniture Co. first started out on this line and today is making the highest class of suits sent out from this market. These goods will compare favorably with any made in the South and are not excelled by many of the larger factories North. The goods are put up in such an attractive manner that they receive favorable comment from the very best judges.

This company was organized in 1890 with a capital of \$15,000. Three years thereafter it was increased to \$18,000 to take care of



J. J. COX,

Secretary and Treasurer Home Furniture Co.

an increase of business. A few years ago the business was made still larger, and the capital increased to \$36,000.

Only within the past few weeks the capacity of the factory has been increased, adding a new dry kiln 20 x 120 feet; a 150 horse-power boiler and 125 horse-power engine, the best that could be gotten. Another story has also been added to the shop.

Mr. R. F. Dalton is president of the company.

Dr. J. J. Cox is secretary and treasurer, and the company has prospered under his management. He is a man of excellent business judgment, deliberate and safe in all of his business

dealings. He has taken a great deal of interest in the affairs of the company to which he has given five years of his life and the results have been excellent.

Dr. Cox was born in Northampton county in 1845 and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. His father moved to Guilford county in 1859, and he received his primary education in New Garden Boarding School. Finishing the course there he commenced the study of medicine, subsequently entering Jeffer-



WILLIAM TATE,  
Superintendent Home Furniture Co.

son Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated. He commenced the practice of medicine at Guilford College, in 1871, where he remained until 1882 when he removed to High Point. He practiced here with much success. He decided to change his business on account of his health. In 1895 he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Home Furniture Co., which position he now holds. The company has enjoyed great prosperity under his administration. Dr. Cox is now serving his second term as mayor of the city and his usefulness and ability is recognized both in public and private life.

The Home Furniture Co. is fortunate in having Mr. Wm. Tate as superintendent. He is one of the best mechanics in the State and possesses knowledge in the manufacture of furniture that counts for much. He has been the superintendent of the company since its organization and shares in the credit for its success.

He was born in Canada, but moved to Guilford county when only seventeen years old. In 1890 he moved to High Point and became superintendent of the Home Furniture Co., which position he still retains.

Mr. Tate is a natural mechanic, which, added to his long experience, fits him well for his occupation. He is a designer of considerable skill which is recognized by all.

## NATIONAL LOUNGE & BED SPRING CO.

On August 1, 1899, the National Lounge & Bed Spring Co. was organized for the manufacture of parlor suits, single and bed lounges, mattresses, etc.

Messrs. W. E. Johns, Sr., and W. E. Johns, Jr., owners and proprietors. The firm is building up a large business.

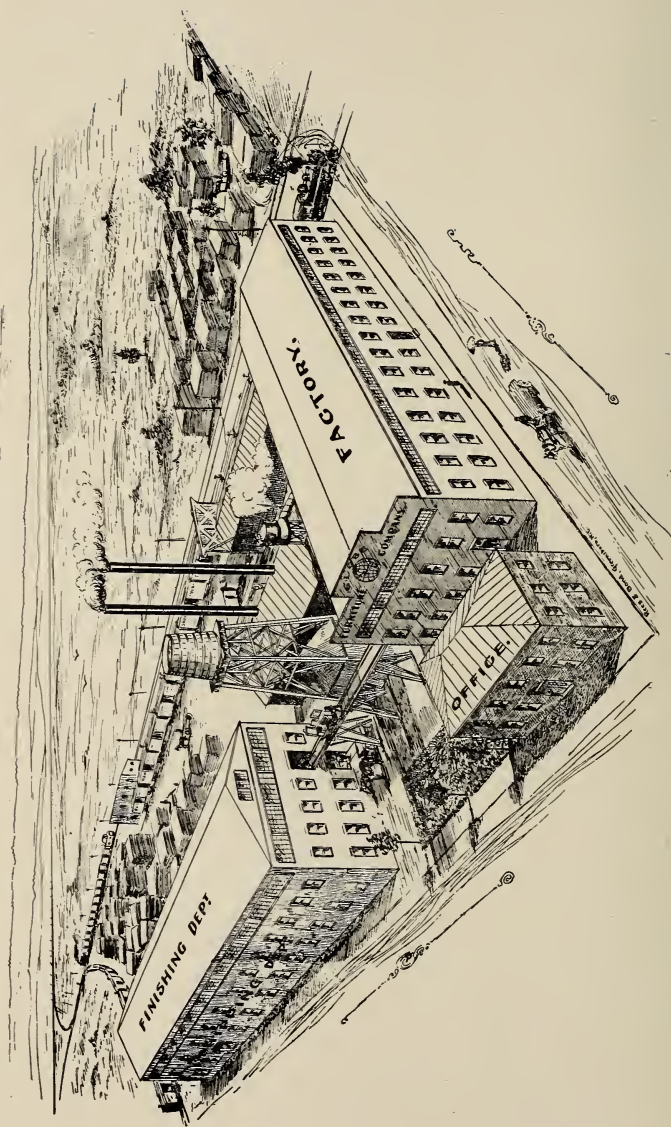
## HIGH POINT CHAIR CO.

This company was organized in 1890 by J. B. Best and R. J. Lindsay.

Mr. Best afterwards conducted it successfully until 1897, when it was organized into a stock company, A. Sherrod and C. H. Baker being principal owners. The present officers are: A. Sherrod, president; B. A. Best, secretary and treasurer; L. J. Ingram, superintendent. The two latter gentlemen purchased stock in the fall of 1899.

The factory makes a splendid line of goods, medium grade, in oak, woven cane and split seat goods.

It has a large custom.



Globe Furniture Co.  
Hightower, N.C.  
J. D. Green

GLOBE FURNITURE CO.



## GLOBE FURNITURE CO.

One of the largest and best equipped plants in the South is that of Globe Furniture Co. The company was organized in 1896 with a capital of \$40,000.

The Globe makes a popular marketable line of goods, which includes many grades of suits, hall racks, side-boards. These goods are finished in the most attractive style by skilled laborers who thoroughly understand their work. Throughout the North and South the company has a large patronage which is increasing from year to year.

At the beginning of the year it was found that the business had



W. G. BRADSHAW,  
Secretary and Treasurer Globe Furniture Co.

increased so largely for the past two years that it was necessary to double the capacity of the plant. In consequence of this, commodious buildings were erected with new and improved machinery which give the best of results. The machinery room is 60x140 feet two stories. The finishing rooms and warehouse is 40x100, three stories. Every appliance for modern manufacture of furniture has been added. The plant is operated by 200 horse power Corliss engine and the capacity is one thousand suits a month. Taking these facts

into consideration it can readily be seen that this plant is capacitated to take care of a very large trade.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox is president of the company.

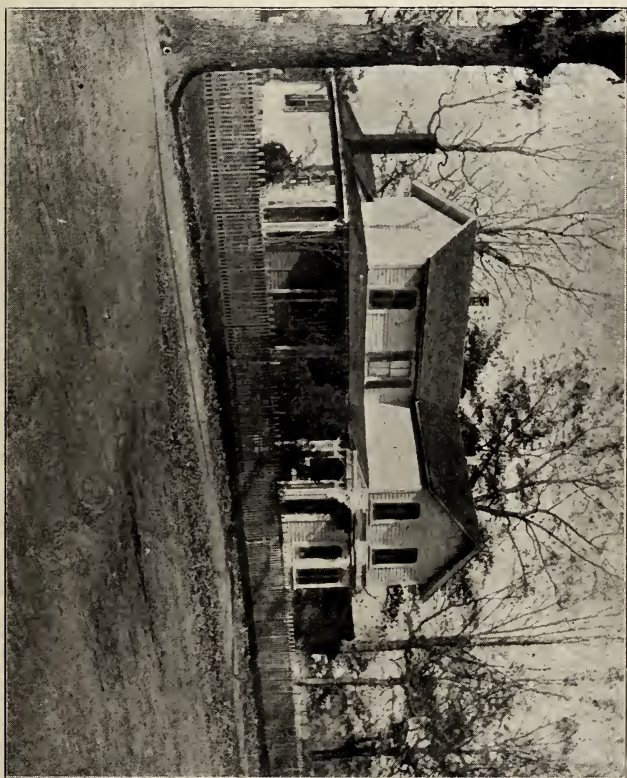
The secretary and treasurer, Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, is at the head of the business. He is one of the most talented business men in the State and since assuming the duties of the office two years ago he has brought to bear on the affairs of the enterprise solid and far reaching judgment which has counted for much in the success of the business.

Dr. Bradshaw was born in Alamance county in 1856. His early life was spent on his father's farm in that county. At the age of 16 he entered Trinity College where he graduated with first honor in a large class in 1877. He then studied medicine and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., in 1880. He obtained license from the North Carolina Medical Board of Examiners to practice medicine and from the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association to conduct the business of pharmacy. In 1891, when the Commercial National Bank of High Point was organized he was unanimously elected its Cashier, which responsible position he held until he resigned to accept the office of secretary and treasurer of Globe Furniture Co. He is a well rounded man, fitted for almost any business requiring executive ability.

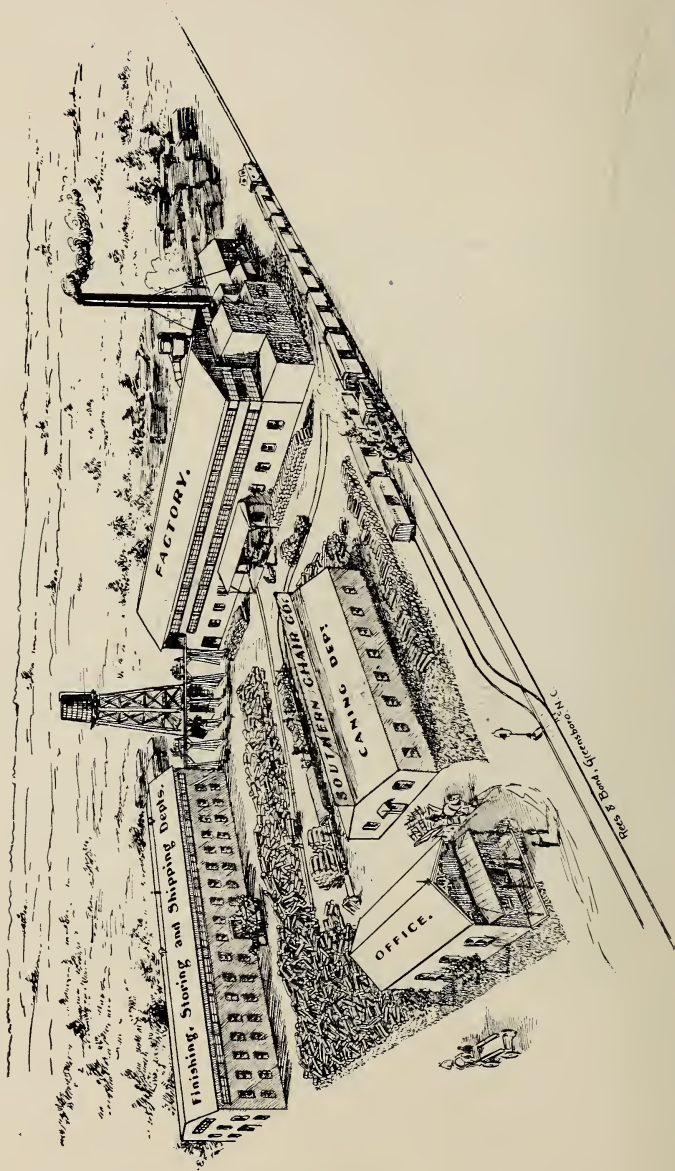
Mr. A. J. Rickel is superintendent of the factory and puts in the business a skill that comes to a man of experience and training. He is a practical man in every sense of the word and keeps abreast of the times in his special line of manufacturing and designing up-to-date styles of furniture.

## HIGH POINT EXCELSIOR CO.

This company was organized in April, 1900, by A. E. Burns and A. R. Hammer, who own and control it. They make a high grade of excelsior, which is used extensively on this market. New buildings have been erected and everything points to the building up of a successful business. Mr. A. E. Burns is secretary and treasurer.



Residence of Capt. W. H. Snow.



SOUTHERN CHAIR CO.



## SOUTHERN CHAIR COMPANY.

This Company was organized for business in the spring of 1896. The output of the mill consists of cottage, dining, nurse and arm chairs. It is said among the trade that the Southern Chair Co., makes the best chair of the kind on the market. This is especially true since Prof. S. L. Davis has taken charge of the plant and gives it his undivided attention. Having been a constant visitor among the Southern retail furniture dealers for several years, Mr. Davis was well qualified to judge of their wants in every particular. He has only been in charge of the plant 18



S. L. DAVIS,

Secretary and Treasurer and General Manager Southern Chair Co.

months, and during this time he has wrought many changes which have been of advantage to all concerned. The quality of the goods is of the highest standard, and have stood first wherever they have been on sale. Much of this is due to the finish, which receives much of the personal attention of the manager. It is rarely demonstrated in goods of medium grade that a first class finish can be maintained.

The capacity of the factory is larger than the average chair factory. It is capitalized at \$24,000. The buildings are well adapted to

the work of making chairs. The machinery room, built of iron, is 60 x 100 feet, 3 stories and contains the best machinery that can be made.

The warehouse and finishing rooms are 50 x 150, two stories.

The Company is well officered: Dr. J. J. Cox, President; S. L. Davis, General Manager and Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Davis is a man well up in his business, and not only understands every detail of the inside work, but is a good provider, which is quite an item in the manufacturing business. He has done remarkably well with the plant during the short time it has been under his care and we look for much larger results in the future.

He was, born in Randolph county, 1868. Lived on a farm until 18 years of age, attending public schools in winter. In 1886 entered Oak Ridge Institute, and graduated from that institution in 1889. Entered University of North Carolina in 1889, and graduated in 1892 with good standing. One year after graduating from University he took the degree of M. A. in National Business College of Indiana. Just before graduating he was elected Principal of the Ingram Institute, which position he held for two years, resigning to accept Chair of Mathematics and Modern Languages in Oak Ridge Institute, which position he gave up two years afterwards to prepare for the manufacture of furniture, working for the Eagle Furniture Co. three years with this end in view. In 1898 he was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Southern Chair Co. In 1899 was elected Secretary and Treasurer and Superintendent of Southern Chair Co.

## SOUTHERN PAINT WORKS.

High Point is one of the few towns in the South that manufactures paints. For this line of business we are indebted to Mr. H. Alexander, who, in 1898, started the Southern Paint Works here. The work was necessarily experimental at first, but time has demonstrated that the paint made by the home factory is superior in many ways to much of the paint made in large centres.

Mr. Alexander is putting a splendid line of goods on the market and will no doubt build up a large trade.

## EAGLE FURNITURE CO.

Among our best factories that manufactures a general line of furniture is the Eagle Furniture Co. This company was organized in 1893 with W. H. Ragan as Secretary and Treasurer. It was run successfully under his management for a number of years, establishing a large trade among influential dealers North and South.

The plant has been enlarged a time or two since the first buildings were erected. The machinery room is now 140x80 feet, fitted with the best machinery that can be gotten. The warehouse and finishing rooms is 40x175 two stories.

The company has just completed one of the largest dry kilns



CHARLES RAGAN,  
Secretary and Treasurer Eagle Furniture Co.

ever erected in the State. They carry a very large stock of lumber on the yards, about half million feet.

The product of the factory consist of suits from \$10.00 to \$50.00; sideboards from \$14.00 to \$24.00; odd dressers from \$4.00 to \$12.00 and chiffoniers.

Mr. E. A. Snow is President and F. M. Pickett Vice-President of the company.

On January 1st, 1900, Mr. W. H. Ragan resigned as Secretary

and Treasurer of the company and his son Mr. Chas. Ragan, was unanimously elected in his stead. This was a change and not a change as Mr. Chas. Ragan had been closely identified with the management of the company for several years. He is peculiarly fitted for the responsible position.

He was born in 1871. Has lived in High Point almost all of his life. He received his education at Guilford College and the Georgia School of Technology. He was at the latter school only a few weeks before he entered the Tech. Machine Shops, doing practical work. Prior to his advent into these shops he worked at High Point Furniture Co. and Home Furniture Co. Returning from the school of Technology he was with the Commercial National Bank and afterwards National Bank of Greensboro. He resigned the latter position to accept a position with Eagle Furniture Co. He served 4 years in the office and 2 years as Superintendent of the factory. His promotion to the head of the business was logical in every way.

## HIGH POINT SHOW CASE WORKS.

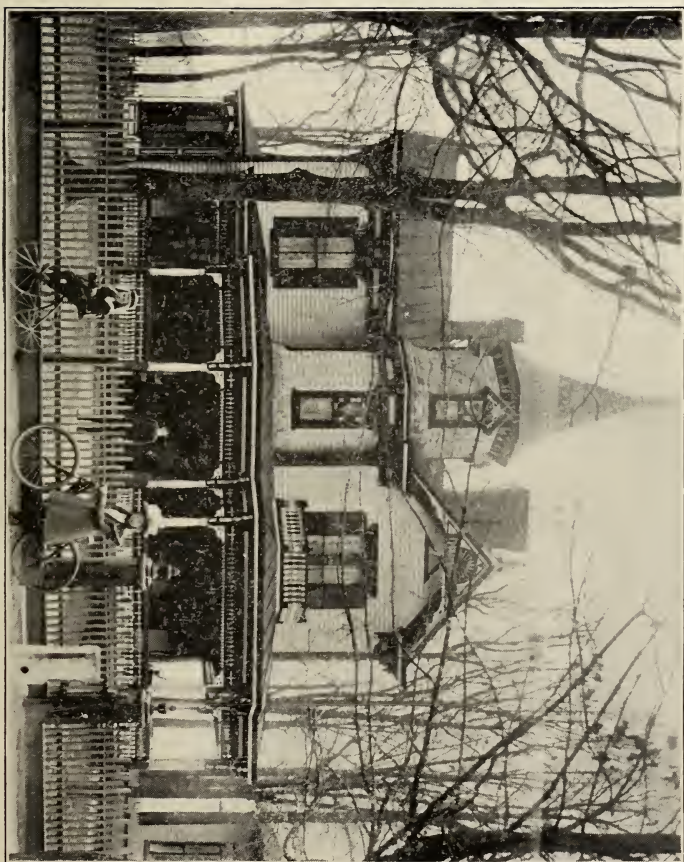
In the year 1899 High Point began the manufacture of Show Cases. Mr. Frank Gurley who is the inventor of a Show Case device, carries on the manufacture of Show Cases with the improvement added. He finds a ready sale for all he can make and is just now contemplating enlarging his business.

## HIGH POINT TRUNK CO.

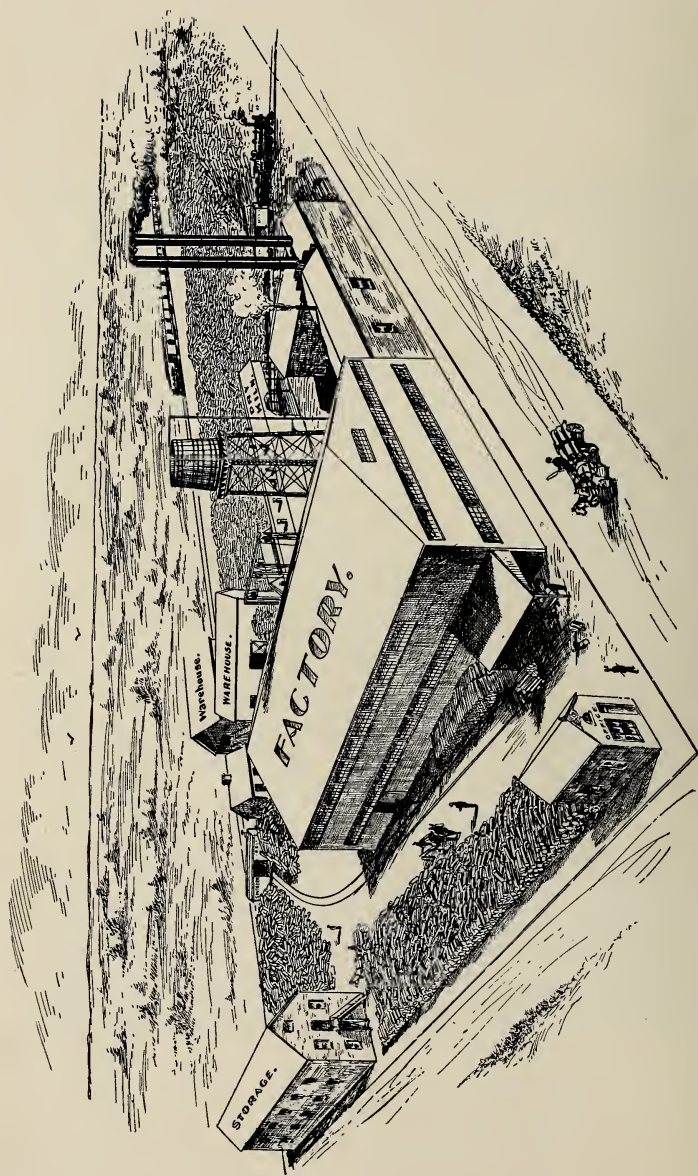
In January, 1899, three young men here commenced the manufacture of Trunks. This business was owned by Messrs. John R. Brown, J. Frank Armfield and L. J. Peacock.

It has been conclusively demonstrated that this class of goods can be made here to advantage and there is now a movement on foot to organize a stock company with ample capital to further the business so successfully begun by this firm.





Residence of J. A. Lindsay.



J. ELWOOD COX'S PLANT.  
Spokes and Handles and Shuttle Blocks.

## J. ELWOOD COX.

Manufacturer Spokes and Handles, Shuttle Blocks and Bobbins.

This business is owned entirely by Mr. J. Elwood Cox, who has been conducting it successfully since 1883, when he purchased it from Capt. W. H. Snow. It has been gradually increased in volume until it is perhaps the largest business of the kind in the South. The manufactured products consist of Spokes and Handles, Shuttle Blocks and Bobbins. The plant is well



Residence J. Elwood Cox.

equipped with the best machinery. There are in use now 12 improved spoke lathes, 4 bobbin lathes with capacity of 10,000 a day each, and special shuttle block machinery. The plant comprises two acres, employing from 65 to 100 hands. A Corliss engine of 150 horse power is employed to run the heavier machinery. There is also an electrical outfit connected with the plant which furnishes light to the mill. In addition to the mill

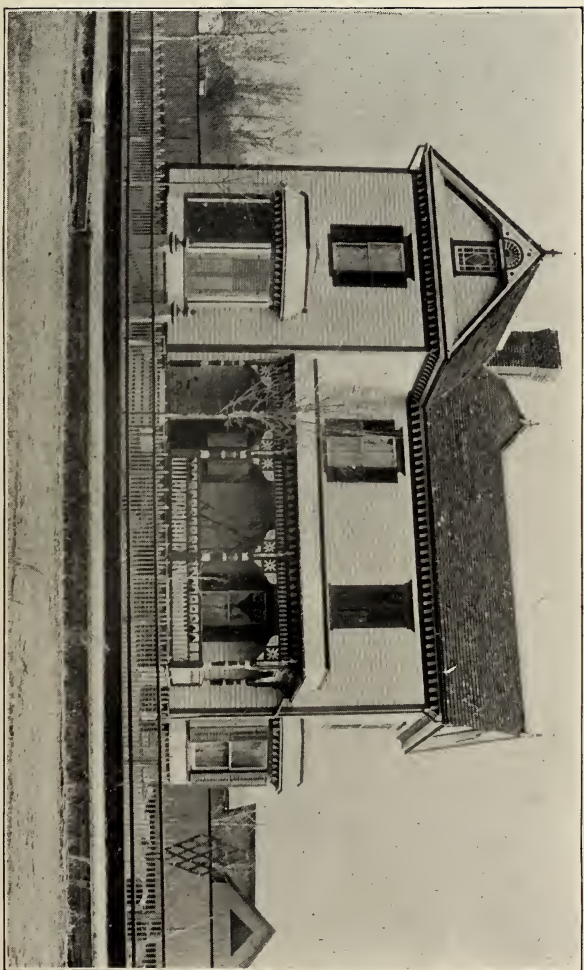


at High Point, Mr. Cox takes the entire output of fifteen mills situated in North and South Carolina and Virginia. These supply mills, many of them, are owned by the mill at High Point. The manufactured products of the mill find their way to many foreign countries; in fact, this mill comes nearer selling all its output direct to the foreign trade than any mill in the State. Mr. Cox is a man well fitted for any large business. He has been remarkably successful for one of his age, and it seems that the larger part of his success is yet to come, as everything points to larger developments in his career. He is a North Carolinian, having been born in Northampton county in 1856. His parents moved to Guilford College when he was about two years old, where he was mainly educated. He took a business course in the Business College of Baltimore when he was seventeen years of age. He afterwards taught school, subsequently spending 1874 and 1875 at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. He was successfully engaged for three years in the fruit tree business. October 23rd, 1878, he was married to Miss Bertha Snow, daughter of Capt. W. H. Snow, of High Point. He built a home at Guilford College, but two years later moved to High Point. In July, 1883 he succeeded Capt. W. H. Snow in the manufacture of shuttle blocks, bobbin heads, spokes, handles, etc., etc. In 1883 the total sales of the factory was \$10,000 a year. Now he does a business of over \$150,000.

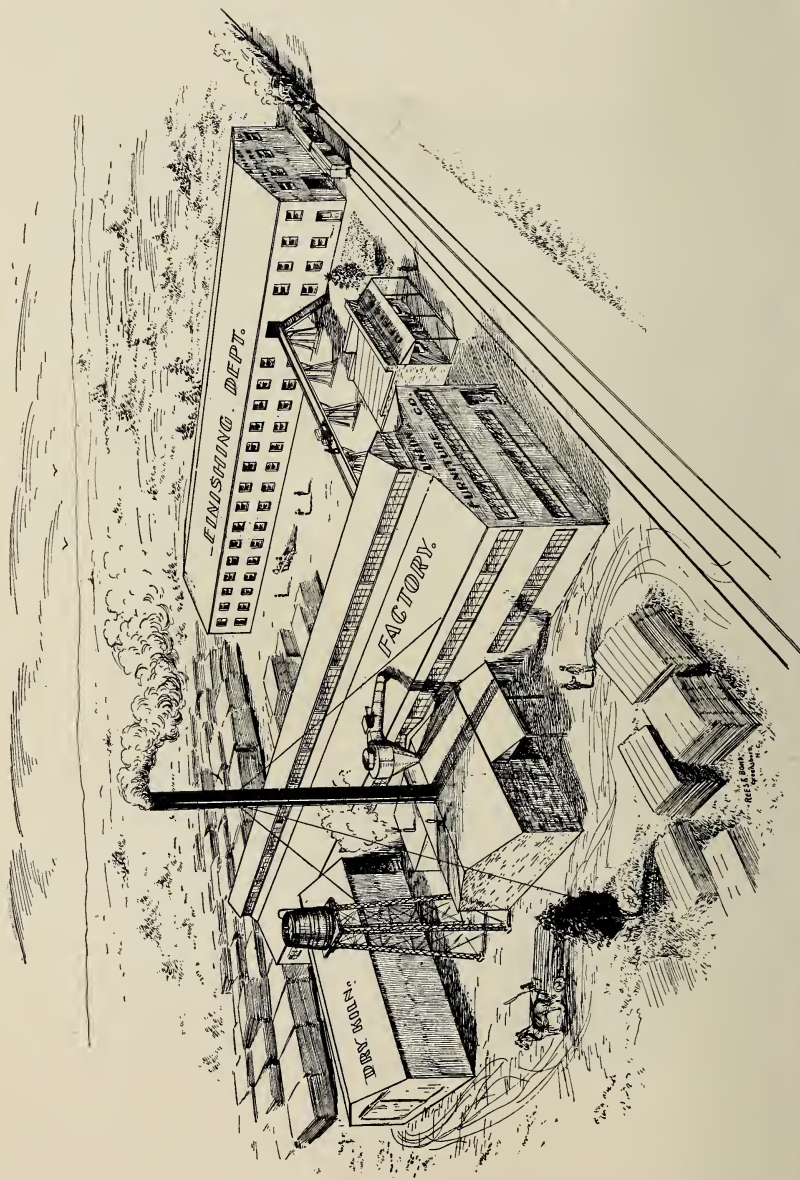
In June, 1891, he was elected president of the Commercial National Bank at its organization, and still holds that responsible position, lending his energy and business skill to its successful operation. Mr. Cox is connected with many of the industries of the town, and is one of its most substantial citizens.







Residence A. V. Sapp.



UNION FURNITURE CO.

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The Union Furniture Co. is one of the late additions to the manufacturing industries of High Point. It was organized in the spring of 1899 and began work the following fall. The company did well from the beginning and the volume of business has gradually increased from month to month. The product of the mill consists of medium grade suits and dressers. The plant is well equipped with modern machinery. The company owns 4 acres of land in connection with the plant.



J. H. MILLIS,  
Secretary and Treasurer Union Furniture Co.

The Union is a well managed plant. Jno. A. Lindsay is president and Dr. Dr. J. A. Turner vice-president.

The business is in the hands of Mr. J. H. Millis, secretary and treasurer, whose business ability has started the factory on a career which promises to be successful. He is a thorough business man and accomplishes much in an apparently easy manner. Mr. Millis is a Guilford county boy, the family homestead being situated only five miles from Greensboro. Here he was born in 1853. He left home when he was only 17 years of age to become salesman for Worth & Walker at Asheboro three



years and then removed to Greensboro and went with the firm of Odell, Ragan & Co., where he remained about two years. He was engaged in business for a few years before removing to High Point to become one of the firm of Pleasant, Ragan & Co. The firm was afterwards Ragan, Millis & Co. Besides being interested in several mercantile establishments here and elsewhere Mr. Millis was secretary and treasurer of the Snow Lumber Co. and subsequently the Home Furniture Co. He has been engaged



Residence J. H. Millis.

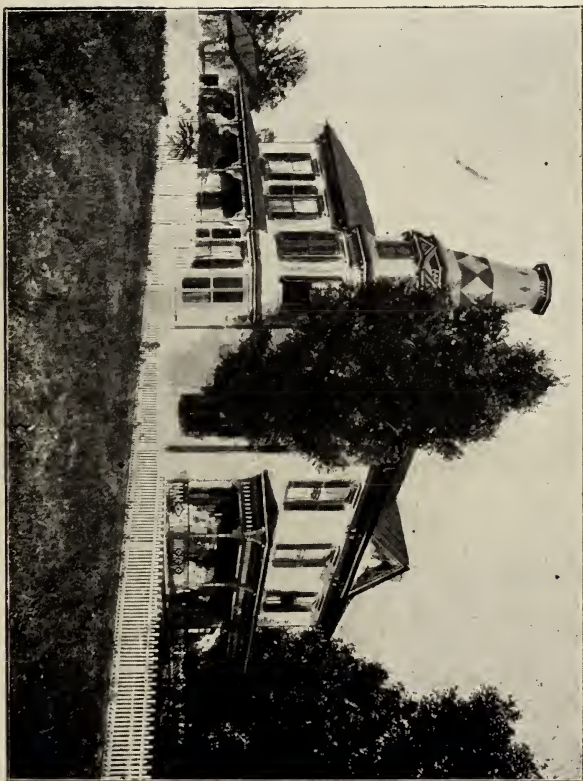
for several years in the private banking business with W. H. Ragan.

Besides his private career Mr. Millis has been Chairman of Board County Commissioners for ten years.

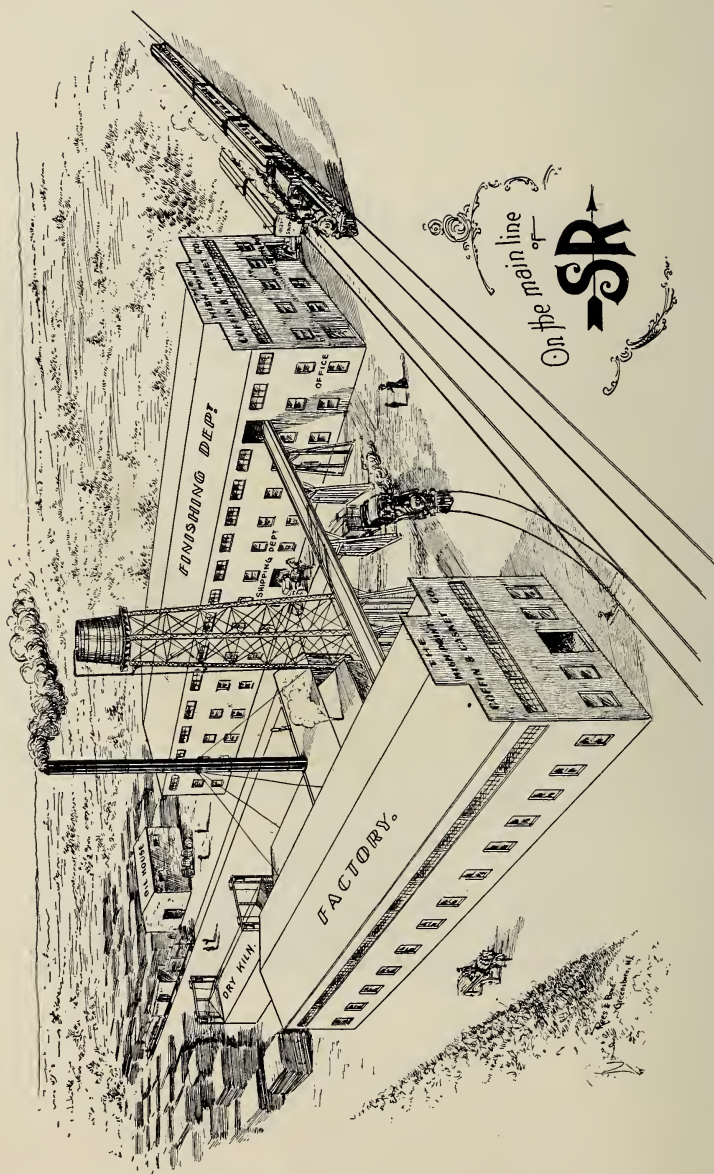
The stockholders of the Union Furniture Co. count it fortunate that the affairs of the company have fallen in his hands.

Mr. J. M. Haller, of New Orleans, a man of recognized ability has recently been employed as superintendent of the factory.





Residence of W. P. Pickett.

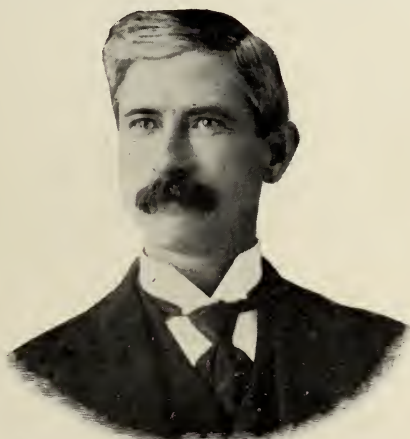


HIGH POINT COFFIN & CASKET CO.

## HIGH POINT COFFIN & CASKET CO.

This company was organized in June 1897. Mr. J. A. Lindsay is President, E. M. Armfield, Vice-President, and R. A. Wheeler Secretary and Treasurer. They made their first shipment about January 1st, '98, since which time they have run regularly all the time and have gradually increased their line until now they make a full line of varnished coffins and caskets, and are adding cloth covered caskets as fast as possible.

They have built and occupy two main buildings, each 40x100 two stories and basement, with engine and boiler rooms, dry kilns, oil houses, &c., making a complete and up-to-date plant



R. A. WHEELER,  
Secretary and Treasurer High Point Coffin & Casket Co.

with large capacity. This firm has demonstrated that goods in their line can be made as nice in the South as anywhere, and boldly challenge comparisons in styles, quality of finish and prices.

R. A. Wheeler, the Secretary and Treasurer, has the management of the business.

He is one of our North Carolina men to the manor born, having first saw the light of day in this (Guilford) county in 1855. His first business experience was as a clerk in a general store for the President of this company for five years. He then embarked in

the hardware business, which he successfully conducted for 10 years, which business, the present Beeson Hardware Co. are the successors. Looking for "larger worlds to conquer" he then moved to Washington, D. C., in which city he was engaged in the wholesale produce commission business for 9 years. He says he never felt "quite at home except in North Carolina and that his heart would turn back to Dixie." Besides he is a firm believer in a great future for the South, and has permanently established himself in his old "home town."

Their goods are gotten up with great care and are popular with a very large trade in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The company sells goods from Washington, D. C. to Tampa, Fla.

### A. R. HAMMER.

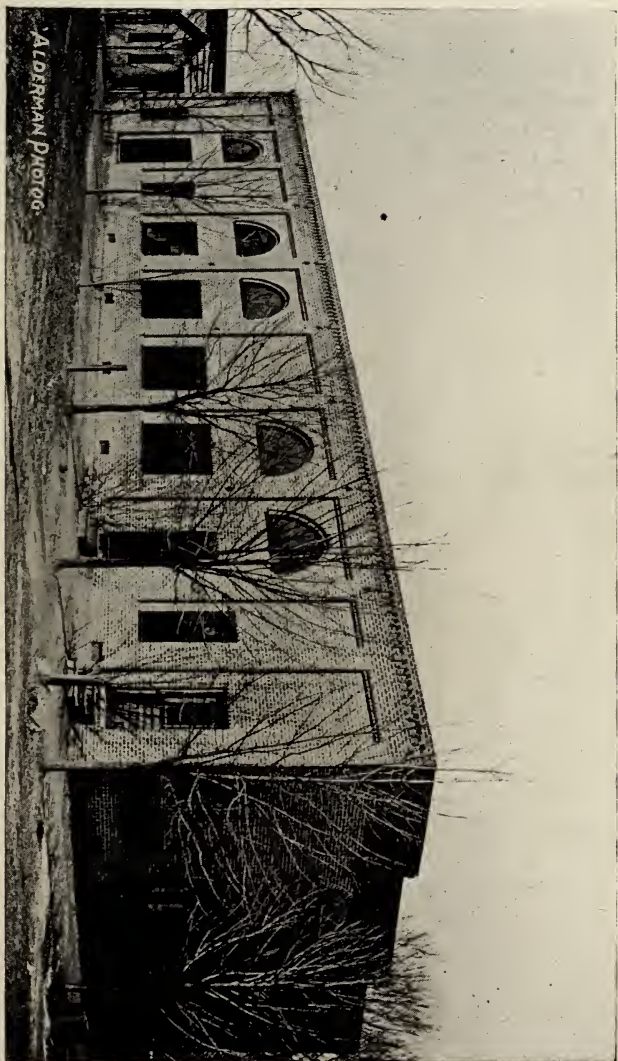


A. R. HAMMER,  
Manufacturer Excelsior, Etc.

Mr. A. R. Hammer has been connected with quite a number of our best manufacturing plants in the capacity of Superintendent. He is now running a mill of his own, getting out dimension stock for larger manufacturers. He is also interested in the High Point Excelsior Works, recently established here.

Mr. Hammer is a native of Davidson, but has been a resident of High Point for fifteen years. He is a capable man in his special line. He has served a number of times in the City Council.





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HIGH POINT MACHINE WORKS.

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There is seldom any haphazard behind a successful business. It generally comes by good management and close attention to its affairs. This can be said of the High Point Machine Works, one of the most successful enterprises of the kind in the State. From a small beginning ten years ago this business has had a marvelous growth, establishing itself with a large and well-to-do Southern trade. We doubt if there is a plant of like character South of Richmond and North of Atlanta that enjoys a wider



O. N. RICHARDSON,  
Secretary and Treasurer High Point Machine Works.

custom among the prominent factories and mill men than the High Point Machine Works.

The business is practically owned by Mr. O. N. Richardson who looks after every detail of it. He has given it his close attention since its establishment in 1889—and his incessant labors have been rewarded.

For a time the business was confined to repair work and casting. The first machine manufactured by the company was the Boren Horse Power which has been extensively used.

A few years ago the business had grown to such an extent that it was found necessary to provide new quarters. The large plant on the corner of Hamilton and Factory streets is a consummation of the plans then laid out.

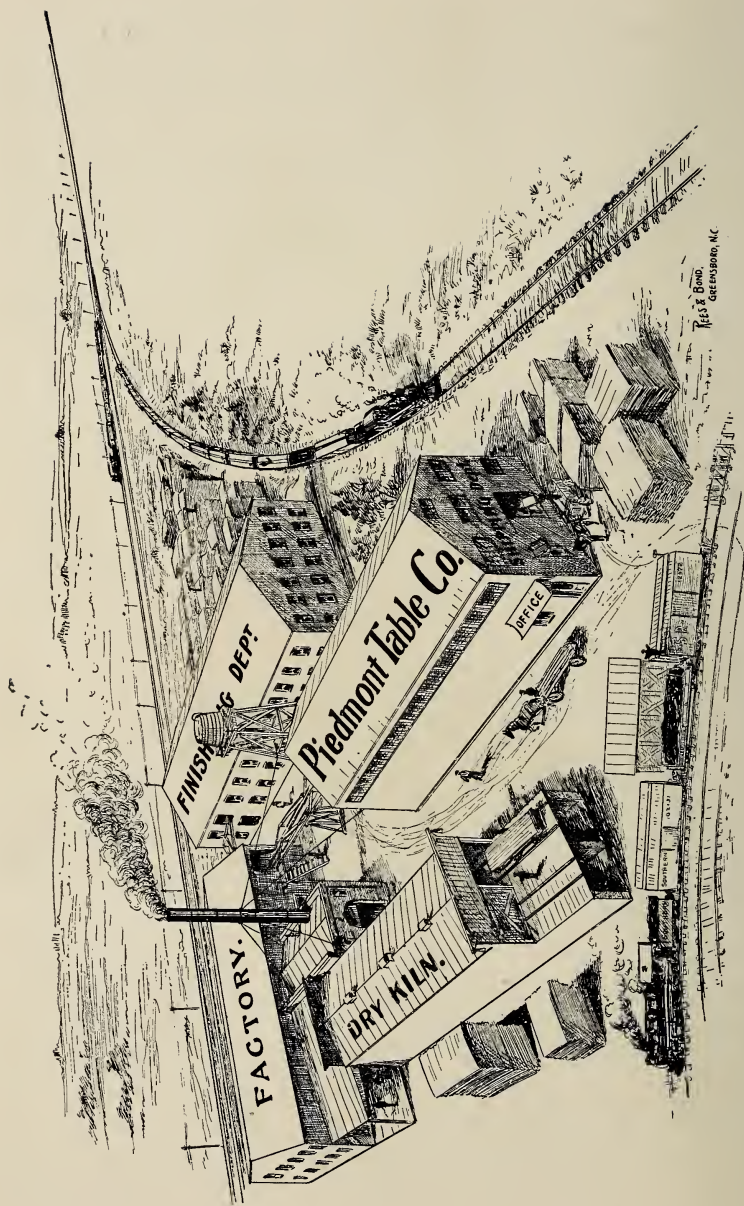
The High Point engine, manufactured here is one of the most popular engines now on the market and it is almost impossible to supply the demand. It is a high class machine, consequently there has been no trouble in placing them as rapidly as they are made. These engines are built in 20 sizes, running from five to eighty horse power. Styles made are horizontal, vertical and hoisting engines.

The manufacture of saw mills is also carried on to a considerable extent. This mill is extensively used in the lumber districts and has received the endorsement of the most successful saw mill men. The large sales for the past few years is sufficient recommendation. The machinery rooms and foundry are well fitted with the latest and most improved machinery. The capacity of the shops is an advantage in such a volume of business. There is now 15,000 feet of floor space under one roof, not including the handsome offices on the corner.

#### ELECTRIC POWER.

Mr. Richardson has put in an electric power plant, which is large enough to accommodate numerous small enterprises in the city with power, besides furnishing light to several of the larger plants here. It is just what the town has needed for some time and many small industries of the town have taken advantage of it. There are very few towns the size of High Point that have the advantage of electric power.





PIEDMONT TABLE CO.

J. E. B. 1911  
GREENSBORO, NC



## PIEDMONT TABLE CO.

This company was organized May 16th, 1897 with a capital stock of \$15,000.

D. A. Stanton, president; A. B. Sapp, vice-president; A. V. Sapp, Secretary and treasurer; C. M. Knickerbocker, Superintendent.

They have been running only about two months, and have shipped goods to South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maryland and several other states. Recently the company received an order from New York for one thousand tables, and later closed a trade with a Chicago concern for one car; also order to duplicate same every month afterward for twelve months.

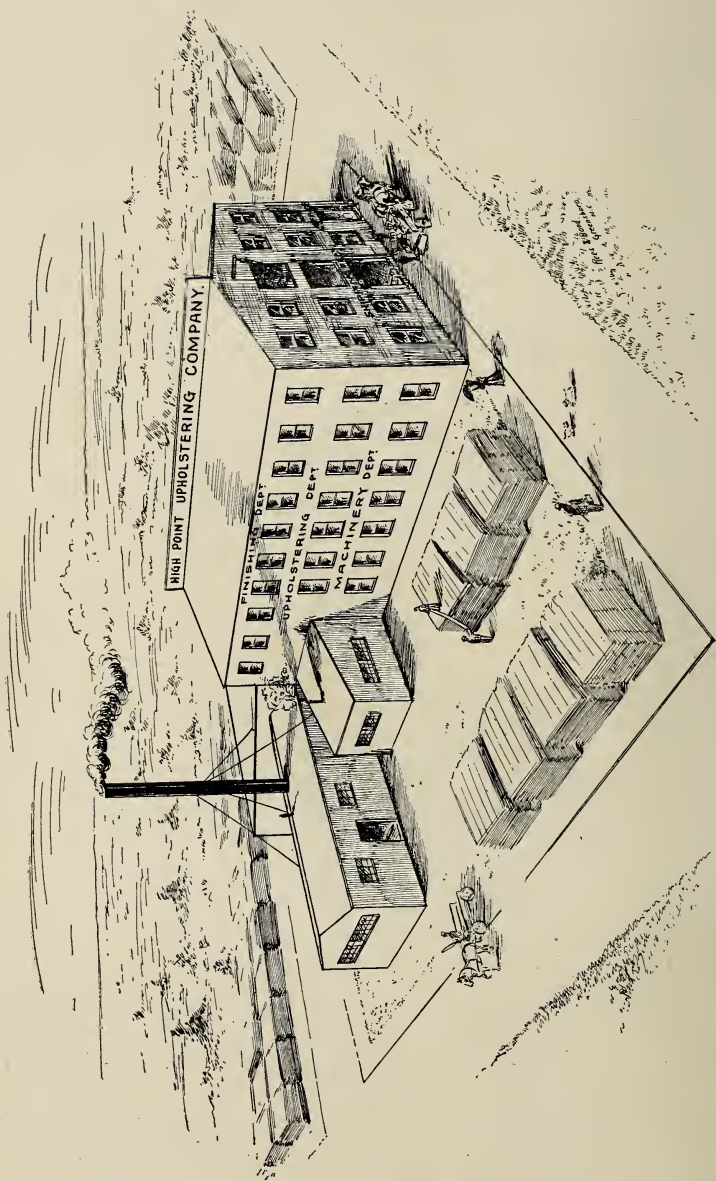


A. V. SAPP,  
Secretary and Treasurer Piedmont Table Co.

They are making medium and high grade extension, office and center tables.

A. V. Sapp, Secretary and Treasurer was born in Kernersville, N. C., May 11th, 1871. Went to Greensboro when he was 17 years old; accepted position as clerk; held that position four years, and opened a department store here with a hand full of goods, which is now known all over the country as Sapp's Racket Store, being the largest store of the kind in town.

Jan 22nd, 1900, he was elected secretary and treasurer of Piedmont Table Co. He is one of our best business men.



HIGH POINT UPHOLSTERING CO

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The High Point Upholstering Co. was organized in March 1896. This concern was organized as a co-partnership, with T. F. Wrenn, J. J. Welch and Percy V. Kirkman, each owning one-third interest. The business continued until Feb. 1st, 1899, as above stated, at which time Percy V. Kirkman purchased the interest of T. F. Wrenn and J. J. Welch. Since then the business has continued as heretofore. The company manufactures bed lounges, single lounges, couches, parlor suits, center tables, columbian chairs, odd pieces and special order work, such as lodge and pulpit furniture. The business is done South of the Mason and Dixon line. The business has been under the man-

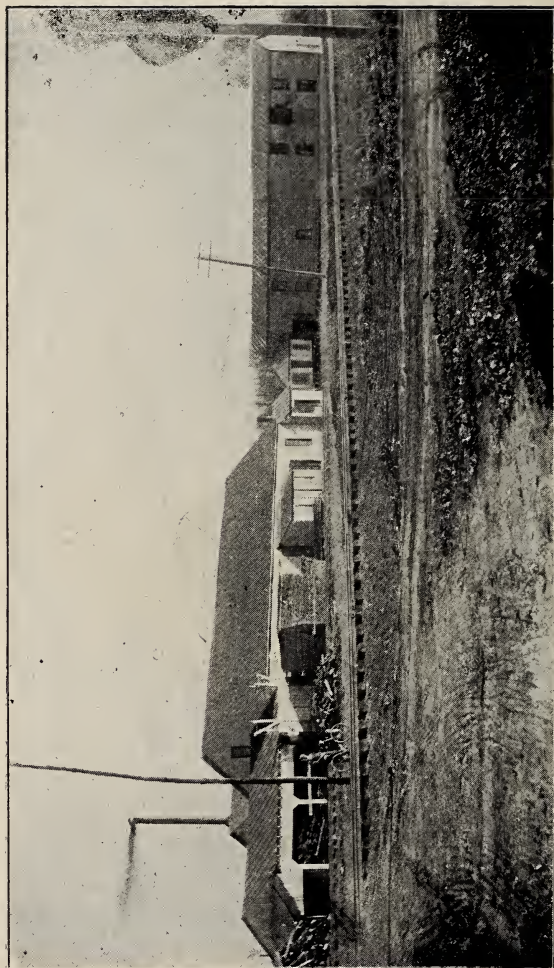


PERCY V. KIRKMAN,  
Proprietor High Point Upholstering Co.

agement of Percy V. Kirkman from the beginning and has met with very flattering success.

Mr. Percy V. Kirkman, the proprietor, was born near Greensboro, N. C., (where Pomona Hill Nurseries now are), February 27, 1878. His parents moved to High Point in the fall of the same year. He has been engaged in business for himself since he was 17 years old, being now the youngest furniture manufacturer in the community.

Mr. Kirkman has exhibited special ability in his chosen line of work, a strong demonstration of which is the large manufacturing business he has succeeded in building up while so young in years and in so short a time.



ALMA FURNITURE CO.



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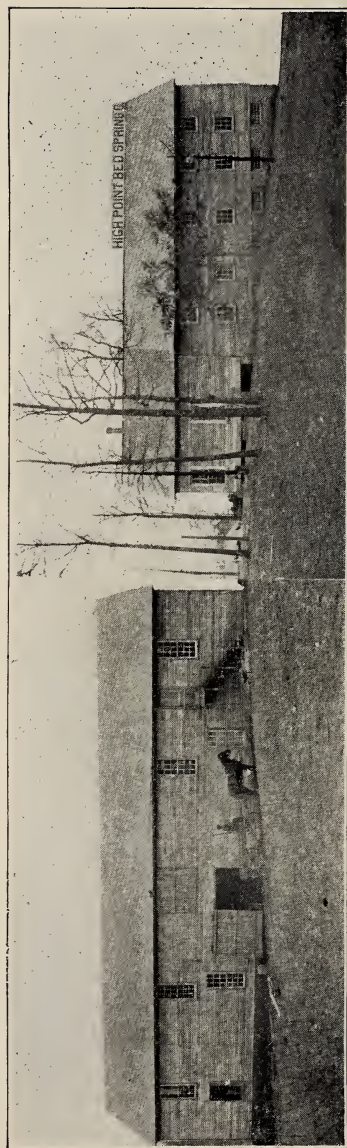
This business was started by Mr. J. P. Redding in 1895 and has put a line of goods on the market that has large sales in both the northern and southern states. The factory makes a special line of safes and tables. It is well equipped in machinery and the product of the mill stands the test on the market among goods of the same make. There are about 50 hands employed in connection with the plant.

Mr. J. P. Redding, the Secretary and Treasurer, has had the general management of the business since its beginning and has



J. P. REDDING,  
Secretary and Treasurer Alma Furniture Co.

established it on a footing which speaks in the highest terms of his business ability. He has been in the manufacturing business for several years and knows every detail of the work which he is successfully carrying on. He was born in Randolph county but has been a citizen of High Point for more than 15 years. He has served as town councilman for several terms and takes a lively interest in the advancement of the business of the community. Capt. A. M. Rankin is President of the company.



HIGH POINT MATTRESS & BED SPRING CO.

## HIGH POINT MATTRESS & BED SPRING CO.

One of our most prosperous enterprises is the High Point Mattress and Bed Spring Co. This business was organized in 1895 by Mr. O. Arthur Kirkman, who is the sole proprietor. He has carried it on successfully since its organization. The factory makes all grades of mattresses and springs, putting on the market a fine hair mattress as a specialty.

In 1899 Mr. Kirkman found it necessary to move to larger quarters, in consequence of which the present factory buildings were erected. The building used for mattresses is 100 x 40



O. ARTHUR KIRKMAN,  
High Point Mattress & Bed Spring Co.

feet, two stories, while the one for spring beds is 75 x 40 feet, two stories. The plant is situated along the main line of the Southern Railway in a spacious lot, on which Mr. Kirkman has also erected a nice residence.

Mr. Kirkman was born in Guilford in 1875, but has been in High Point since he was a small boy. He is a young man of considerable energy, and believes in pushing business, as is evidenced by the substantial growth of his business. He struck on a new line of manufacturing here when only a boy, and proved that his judgment was good, as success has attended his efforts.

## TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

Notwithstanding the fact that High Point is under the shadow of the largest tobacco town in the South, the industry has always been carried on here successfully. One of the largest plug tobacco factories in the golden belt is that of W. P. Pickett & Co., of this place. The firm is composed of Messrs. W. P. and F. M. Pickett, two wide awake business men who have built up a large business. The business was started on a small scale in 1872 two



W. P. PICKETT,  
Tobacco Manufacturer.

miles from High Point. In 1881 the firm found it necessary to move nearer the depot, and built a factory on the site where the present buildings now stand. The business has increased every year until today it is one of the most substantial firms in the State. The popular brands of Tobacco, "Pickett's Leatherwood," "Pride of North Carolina," "Pickett's Natural Leaf," "Sweet Gum," "Red Ham," "Legal Tender" and "Long Cotton" are used extensively all over the Southern and partly over the Western States.



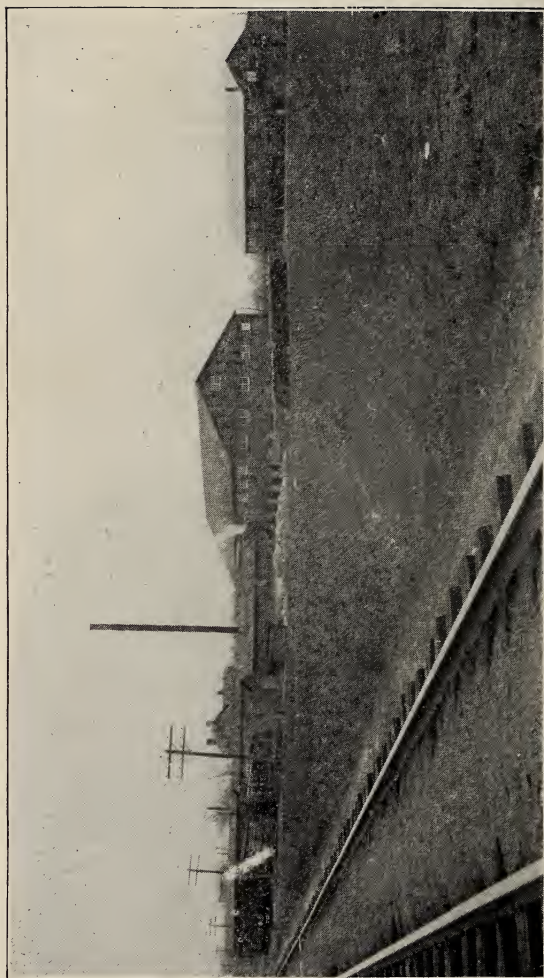
Mr. W. P. Pickett is the senior member of the firm, a man whose judgment on all matters is recognized in the community, and whose advice on important matters is often sought. He was born in Pennfield, Davidson county, in 1848. He remained on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age. He afterwards clerked in his father's store for quite a while. He also farmed and was engaged in the tobacco business.

Mr. Pickett is a man of good business qualifications, as his accumulated wealth will bear testimony. He is interested in several of the business enterprises of the community.



F. M. PICKETT,  
Tobacco Manufacturer.

Mr. F. M. Pickett, while a younger member of the firm, is no less an important factor in the business. He fills the office of secretary and treasurer, a position which carries with it duties requiring the best of business qualifications. Besides his duties in this firm he is vice-president and Director of the Eagle Furniture Co., director in Commercial National Bank, Director in Second High Point Building and Loan Association, stockholder in Southern Chair Co., stockholder in the Bank of Randleman, vice-president American Furniture Co., Lexington. He is a man of good business qualifications, and has been very successful in his business dealings.



MYRTLE FURNITURE CO.

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The Myrtle Furniture Co. was organized in 1899, by Mr. Henry W. Fraser, who is the principal stockholder. This is a splendid plant in every way. The machinery room is 100x100, of iron. This is fitted with the very latest improved machinery specially adapted to the class of goods made. The warehouse and finishing rooms are also of iron 60x100 two stories.

The factory makes a specialty of Roller Top Desks and China Closets but the principal product of the mill is Roller Top Desks. These goods have already been placed in several states and they stand with the best. This speaks well for the factory because this line of goods has not been extensively made in the South.

Mr. Fraser was born in Montgomery county, but for a number of years was connected with the cotton milling industry in Randolph county, at Franklinsville. About 19 years spent in this business fitted him well for manufacturing. In 1895 he moved to High Point and went into the manufacture of furniture, being a joint owner with Mr. J. P. Redding in the Alma Furniture Co. He afterwards built the Catawba Furniture Co. and conducted it successfully.

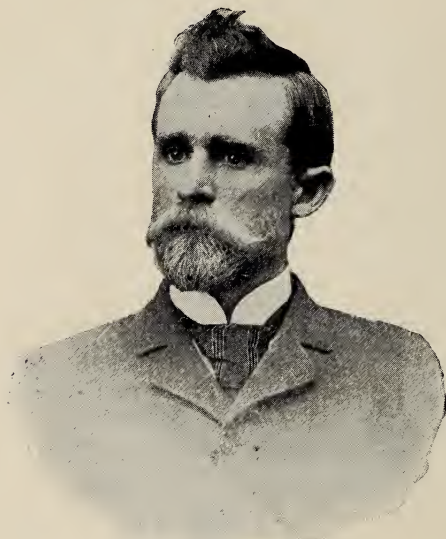
In 1899 he built the Myrtle Furniture Co. and like all of his other ventures, it is proving successful.

The superintendent of the factory is Mr. C. C. Walker who is a stockholder in the company. He is a mechanic of superior skill, has had all of the advantages that go to make a successful superintendent. He has already demonstrated that since his residence in High Point.



## DR. D. A. STANTON.

Born in Randolph county, North Carolina. He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-two years old. He entered the office of Drs. Woollen & Long at Randleman in 1884 and studied medicine under them for two years. In 1885 he entered the Medical Department of Vanderbilt University, and graduated



DR. D. A. STANTON.

in 1887. He practiced at Randleman, N. C., one year and then moved to Lexington, N. C., where he practiced two years. In 1891 he came to High Point and was associated with Dr. J. J. Cox. In 1895 he took a post graduate course in the Medical College of Virginia. He enjoys a large practice in the city and adjoining communities.

Dr. Stanton is also interested in manufacturing.



## HIGH POINT SHIRT MFG. CO.

High Point Shirt Mfg. Co. was organized November, 1899, with the following officers: President, J. H. Millis; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. A. Turner. This factory was the first of the kind ever operated in High Point and the management is satisfied with the experiment, if we may call it such. Since the organization the business has increased and the output of the plant is about one hundred dozen. The company works about 60



DR. J. A. TURNER,  
Secretary and Treasurer High Point Shirt Mfg. Co.

hands and in all probability this number will be greatly increased during the present year.

Dr. J. A. Turner is a man of few words and much business and never undertakes anything that he does not carry through. High Point is indebted to him largely for this new line of manufacturing and we might say that the importance of establishing this plant here cannot now be estimated. It was something that was needed to employ the female labor here which was largely without any employment. The factory in connection with another

mentioned elsewhere started the ball and there is no telling now what the results will be.

Dr. Turner is a physician, enjoys a very large practice, but finds time to push business. He is a native of Chatham county but has been a citizen of High Point about six years. He received his education chiefly at Sylvian Academy, Snow Camp, N. C. He received his medical education at Baltimore Md., and Louisville, Ky.

He practiced medicine in Chatham and surrounding counties for several years. From there he went to Little's Mills, N. C., from which place he moved to High Point. Dr. Turner has taken several special courses in Northern Hospitals since he began to practice.

He is interested in other lines of manufacturing here.

## LINDSAY CHAIR CO.

Lindsay Chair Co. was chartered in 1900 with an authorized capital of \$50,000, \$20,000 being paid in. W. C. Jones, president; A. B. Sapp, vice-president; J. A. Lindsay, secretary and treasurer, and D. H. Parnell, superintendent.

The plant is about complete; the machine room 40x120 feet, sided with corrugated iron; brick dry kiln 20x30 feet, all of which are two stories high with brick engine and boiler rooms 30x30 ft. and an open annex attached 50x50 feet. The warehouse 40x150 where the finishing and packing is done will be connected by an elevated railroad. The plant will be equipped with the best up-to-date machinery, with a capacity of fifty dozen chairs a day. They will manufacture chairs from a medium to high grade.

Mr. J. A. Lindsay, the secretary and treasurer, came to High Point when about 16 years old, was raised on a farm in Davidson county, about 10 miles from the city; attended school at Bethaney Academy. He clerked in a store until 1872 when he went in business for himself and continued in the mercantile business until about four years ago when he closed out his store and is now looking after his varied interests with which he is identified. He is vice-president National Bank of High Point; president High Point Coffin & Casket Co.; president Union Furniture Co.; director Eagle Furniture Co.; director Southern Chair Co.; secretary and treasurer Peoples Building & Loan Association.

## W. H. RAGAN.

Mr. W. H. Ragan may be classed as a manufacturer, as he is interested in so many mills here and elsewhere, and has only lately given up the management of one of our largest mills to organize another on a different line.

Born 1846, in Randolph county. His father moved to Guilford county when he was about fourteen years old and commenced farming and merchandising nine miles southeast of Greensboro.



W. H. RAGAN,  
Manufacturer.

In 1860 Mr. Ragan went to Franklinsville, N. C., to learn the cotton milling business, and worked there until 1865.

He came to High Point in 1866 and went into the mercantile business, being one of the firm of Pleasants, Ragan & Co. The firm was afterwards Ragan, Millis & Co. Mr. Ragan is one of the most successful merchants and business men in the county. He was secretary and treasurer Eagle Furniture Co. six years. He is president Oakdale Cotton Mill, at Jamestown; president Mt.

Pleasant Cotton Mill, at Kimesville; director in Southern Chair Co., director in National Bank of High Point, director in National Bank of Greensboro, director in Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., Winston, and chairman finance committee of the A. & M. College, Raleigh.

He has been a very successful business man in all affairs. Besides his immediate work he is one of the three county commissioners.

## NEWSPAPERS.

The High Point ENTERPRISE was established in 1881. It has been under the management of J. J. Farriss, the present editor, since 1888, who has sought to build up a strong local paper with almost solely two objects in view, viz., give the news and encourage the manufacturing spirit in the community.



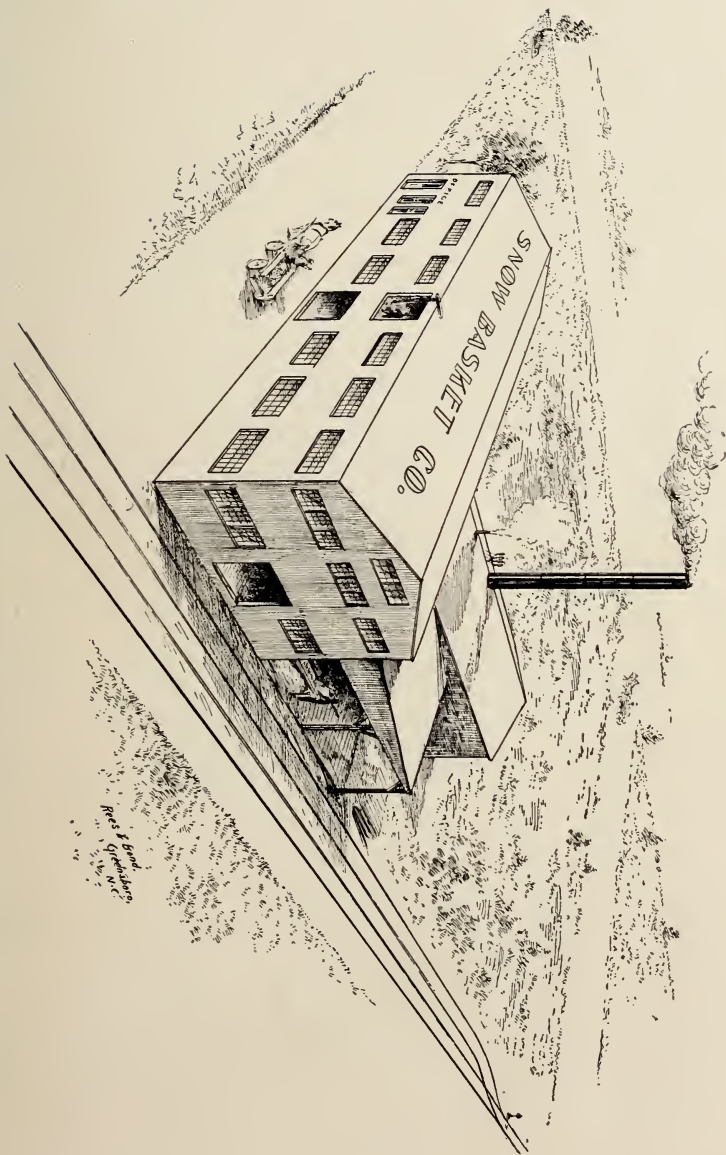
J. J. FARRISS.

It has always been thoroughly independent in politics and has never occupied a neutral ground. This has been a very difficult position to occupy in North Carolina journalism, where the spirit of all parties is rather exacting at times, but after twenty years of experience along this line, the paper is respected by men of all parties because it has been fair and just. It has simply put business before politics. The individual opinion of the editor and his party affiliations have always been open and pronounced.

In connection with the paper THE ENTERPRISE job office is operated. This department is fed by the factories and other business men in this and adjoining communities. The factory owners, understanding and appreciating the fact that the paper was cut off from county patronage (this not being a county seat), have given their undivided support to the job office run in connection with the paper. This has been carried out with a loyalty almost unprecedented.

Mr. Farriss, realizing the need here for a furniture journal, has completed arrangements for the publication of such a paper at an early date. THE ENTERPRISE has a large patronage.





SNOW BASKET CO.

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The manufacture of baskets was begun by Capt. W. H. Snow here several years ago and the industry has grown no little. These baskets have a wide reputation for durability, being made of the very best oak strips. Capt. Snow carried on the business successfully, increasing it every year, until January, 1900, deciding to give up active work in the manufacturing line, formed a stock company and turned over the management of the factory to others.

The officers in the new company are as follows: E. A. Snow, president; R. A. Wheeler, vice-president; R. Homer Wheeler, secretary and treasurer; Will E. Snow, superintendent.

The plant is new and well fitted for a large output of the manufactured product.

The business is under the immediate control of R. H. Wheeler and W. E. Snow, two of our most promising young men.

## J. J. WELCH.

Mr. J. J. Welch has been in the manufacturing business in High Point for the past twenty years or more. Just now he is not actively engaged in this class of work but is a stockholder in some of our most prosperous enterprises. He is a native of Guilford and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm near High Point, and attended the schools at Kernersville and Oak Ridge. At the beginning of the war he enlisted in Company E, 21st N. C. Regiment, which was afterwards Company B, 1st N. C. Battalion sharpshooters. He served through the entire war surrendering with Lee at Appomattox. At the close of the war he engaged in the tobacco business, commencing to manufacture in 1872, being one of the firm of W. P. Pickett & Co. He continued successfully in this business until 1895. In the fall of 1895 he went into the manufacture of furniture, becoming president of the High Point Furniture Co. In 1898 he retired from active business. He is a member of the Finance Committee of the City Council.

## CAPT. W. H. SNOW.

Capt. Snow, who has recently retired from active business in the manufacturing line, has much to be proud of. He was among the first men in the State to see the value in our native woods and established a business here as early as 1872 for the manufacture of spokes and handles and shuttle blocks. From that time until a few weeks ago he has been an active manufacturer here, not confining himself to one line, but demonstrating in many ways the value of our timbers, being the originator and successful operator of several wood-working establishments.



CAPT. W. H. SNOW,  
Postmaster.

Fifteen years ago or more he had specimens of North Carolina woods in the manufactured state at the Atlanta Cotton Exposition and they attracted at once the attention of many of the cotton mill men of New England at that time. There was nothing accidental in it. Capt. Snow saw the value of the article and knew how to get it out. He bought the first Blanchard lathe and first band saw ever run in this State. He is a man

of original ideas and always had the skill and energy to carry them out. High Point owes a great deal to Capt. Snow. It is conceded that it was due largely to his work here many years ago that the spirit of manufacturing was infused into our people, who are now doing so much with it.

Capt. Snow was born in Washington county, Vermont, 1825. His ancestors were among the first settlers in that State.

At the close of the war, in which he took a prominent part, serving in the Sixth Massachusetts Infantry and later in the Second Massachusetts Artillery, he moved to Greensboro, where he began the manufacturing business, and later moved to High Point.

In politics he has always been a Republican. He was appointed postmaster by President McKinley in 1898 and is now serving the people in that capacity very satisfactorily. He is assisted in his work by Mr. A. F. Eshelman.

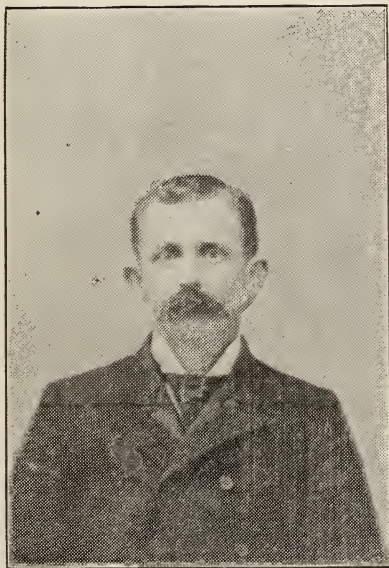


High Point Roller Mills.



## HIGH POINT ROLLER MILLS.

The plant was established in 1889 as a small custom mill, and since that date it has been increased and enlarged until to-day it is one of the most complete sixty barrel flouring mills of the roller process of the country. The mill is situated in the northern portion of the city on ground 160x250 feet in dimensions. They manufacture the following standard brands of flour: "White Frost," a patent flour, strictly "A" grade and "Boquet." They also manufacture corn meal, bolted meal and feed meal. They make a specialty of fine Graham flour. These goods have



A. B. HORNEY.

a large local demand as well as being sold as far south as Charlotte. The individuality of the firm is as follows: Mr. W. K. Teague was born and reared here and is a progressive gentleman. Mr. A. B. Horney was born and reared in this county and learned the roller mill business at Wachovia Mill at Salem, where he served an apprenticeship for five years. He was practically reared in the business. Mr. V. V. Horney is also a North Carolinian. The High Point Roller Mills is doing a large and prosperous business.

## MONARCH MILLS.

These mills were taken in charge by Mr. Thos North in 1898. It is a full roller mill, completed, and has a capacity of forty barrels. They manufacture the following well known brands, "Our Patent," "White Lily" and "Eureka," in addition to a very fine grade of corn meal. These products are nearly all consumed locally. Professor Fraenkle, the eminent chemist says of the flour manufactured by the Monarch Mills: "This product is rich in gluten, deficient in starch, hence it is a satisfaction to



Monarch Mills.

be able to report that the product of Monarch Mills is in every essential feature a flour that can be used with the utmost benefit to health.

Mr. T. P. North, proprietor of the Monarch Mills, is a native of England, who came to America in 1865, and engaged in the milling business at Philadelphia. In 1885 he came south and incepted the first full roller mill, now owned by Grimes Bros., of Lexington, this State. He subsequently located at High Point.

## J. J. COX & CO.

### Fire Insurance.

This firm is composed of Dr. J. J. Cox, A. E. Tate, E. D. Steele and W. C. Jones. Does a general fire insurance business in Guilford and adjoining counties, representing many of the strongest companies in existence.

Mr. W. C. Jones is the general manager of the business and has carried it along successfully for several years. He has been in the insurance business since he was quite a young man and on



W. C. JONES.

account of his having made it a study is counted one of the best insurance men in the State.

Besides his insurance business Mr. Jones does a large business in real estate and has established a loan office. He owns quite a number of desirable building lots in the northern part of the town, suitable for nice residences.

He was born in High Point in 1872, grew up in this thriving community and has a promising future.

## W. P. RAGAN.

Attorney at Law.

Mr. W. P. Ragan was born in Guilford county, near High Point. He attended the public schools of Springfield and Archdale. In 1888 he entered Guilford College where he remained two years. He served as assistant postmaster at High Point under the Harrison administration. In the Fall of 1894 he entered the University of North Carolina to prepare himself for



W. P. RAGAN.

the law. In 1895 he was Deputy Clerk of Court for Guilford county and it was during his incumbency of that office that he began the study of law under Judges Dick and Dillard. He was admitted to the bar in September 1896 since which time he has practiced in Greensboro and High Point, removing to High Point in 1897, and forming a co-partnership with Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, of Greensboro. He has established an office here and enjoys a large and growing practice for a young man.





EDWIN D. SLEELE.  
Attorney at Law.

## GENERAL AGENCIES.

If anything were needed to emphasize the importance of High Point as a manufacturing centre, the establishment of the general offices of two of the largest Furniture Commercial Agencies in the country would be conclusive.

The Lyon Furniture Agency is under the management of Mr. Wescott Roberson, an able local attorney. The Furniture Commercial Agency, "Red Book," established by Harris & Sons, is under the management of Mr. Moyer, of Atlanta.

It would be useless to say anything in praise of these two general agencies, because every business man knows of their reputation in the United States. Their coming to North Carolina is appreciated by the trade, and that their expectations have been met we have no doubt.



HIGH POINT GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING. (Taken at Recess.)

## OUR SCHOOL.

High Point Graded School was organized September 20, 1899. The organization was preceeded by a great educational demonstration. The outburst of enthusiasm then exhibited has never abated, but instead augmented and, today, not a cloud obscures the future of the school.

The school building is one of the finest in the State. It is of stone and brick, and presents a happy blending of the massive and artistic. The art displayed without and within, and the neatness with which it is kept, necessarily make an appeal to the moral and aesthetic nature of the children, which is no small factor in a child's education.

It is heated by hot air. It is furnished with noiseless, "ball-bearing" single desks; wall maps, globes and slate black-boards. The halls and the walls of each grade are decorated with views and pictures of eminent men and educators.

There are nine grades and a faculty of ten. Says Prof. T. A. Smoot: "For three weeks we have been quietly observing the work of our new Graded School. After the lapse of this length of time, it affords us a great deal of pleasure to say the school's success has transcended even the most sanguine expectations."

The Superintendent has proven himself an adept as an organizer and manager. He is thoroughly familiar with the latest and most advanced methods of teaching, and he is on the alert for any new thought presented upon the subject.

Since the inauguration of the schools, many have seen the advantages derived from them in hundreds of ways that should have been our's years before. There is nothing here which has added more to the town in the same length of time. They have not only given an opportunity to the children in our town, but many parents residing in adjoining communities, without schools, seeing our advantages, have moved in with us.

One of the most remarkable points in the government of the school is the emphatic demonstration by the pupils that they take as much pride in the work as the instructors themselves. Many of the best educators in the South have visited the schools and remarked upon this one fact.



The writer has learned from the children themselves the extent of the work that the teachers are doing. Not that we tried to pry too far into school matters, but by their conversations we know that the superintendent and teachers of our school have the welfare of the children at heart, visiting them in their homes, and encouraging them in every way possible. We have never seen better work in a school.

Says Rev. Edward E. Rondthaler, of Salem: "I can judge of the prosperity of your schools by the interest the people here manifest. It is one of the finest and best equipped schools in our country."

Prof. Claxton, Dr. McIver, President Alderman, Dr. Kilgo, Prof. Alexander, Dr. Battle, Dr. Hume. Supt. Chas. H. Mebane and other educators of the State likewise speak encouragingly of our schools. They are the pride of High Point, and will if they continue, bring up a strong Christian citizenship as the fruits of the efforts of her people and teachers, and as a gracious answer to the prayers of those who have the welfare of the children and rising generation at heart.

The success of our schools is largely due to the unanimity, the wisdom, and sound judgment exercised by our board of school commissioners in their watchful care over our institution; no discordant note has ever been heard. The following are the commissioners: J. Elwood Cox, chairman; R. C. Charles, secretary; Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, Dr. D. A. Stanton, W. P. Pickett, J. A. Lindsay, W. H. Ragan, R. A. Wheeler, Charles Ragan, William Tate, E. A. Snow, and O. N. Richardson.

The colored school under the principalship of A. J. Griffin is prospering. It numbers over 200, and the interest is marked.

In connection with this is the Normal and Industrial school under the care of the Board of Missions of New York Yearly Meeting of Friends. This school will soon increase its facilities more than one-half.

## GEO. H. CROWELL,

Superintendent of High Point Graded Schools.

George Henry Crowell was born in Stanly county, N. C., February 7th, 1865, near New London. He spent his youth on his father's farm. He received his early education in the public schools, attending about three months each winter. At the age of 18 he entered Yadkin Mineral Springs Institute, where he worked himself up to the head of his class. He then entered Albemarle Academy, where under the tutorage of Prof. H. W. Spinks, he was prepared for college.



Being a farmer boy and largely dependent on his own resources, his preparation was meager, so he spent half of his academy years in teaching to defray the expenses of the other half. In August, 1887, he entered the Freshman class of the University of North Carolina as a ministerial student, graduating with honor in June, 1892. During his entire course he manifested great energy and enthusiasm. Many times has he gone home from school without a penny in his pocket, but returned in the fall.

He won the Representative Medal given by the Dialectic and Philanthropic literary societies, at the Centennial Commencement in 1889. He won the Willie Mangum medal on graduation day, which is one of the highest honors that is given at the University. Dr. Kemp P. Battle says: "He left one of the best records at Chapel Hill that has been made since the War."

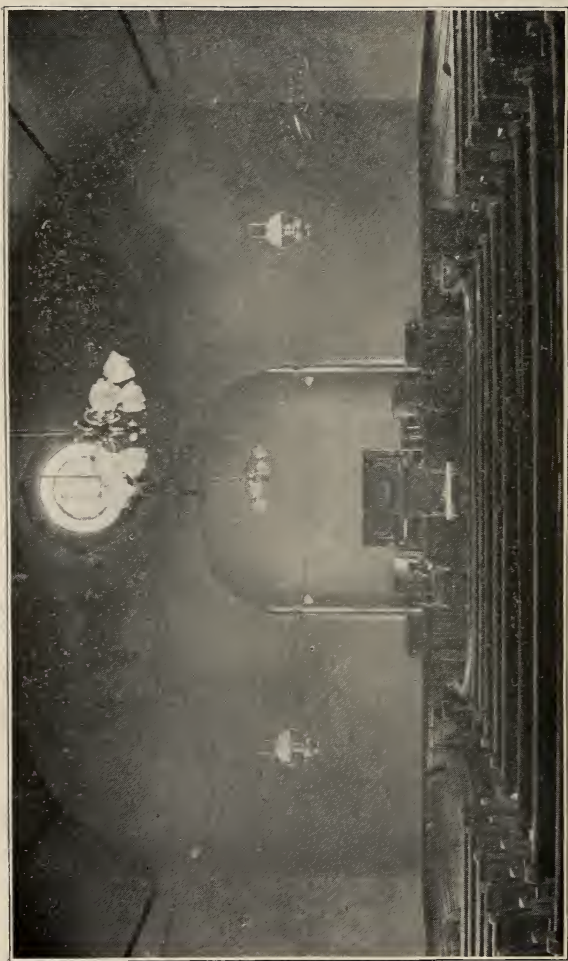


PROF. GEO. H. CROWELL,  
Superintendent of City Schools.

On Wednesday before graduation, he was elected principal of Franklinton Classical and Military Institute, Franklinton, N. C. He built up a large and successful school of 125 pay students.

He then entered Vanderbilt University, taking the Theological course. On his return to North Carolina he was elected principal of the Asheboro High School, where for two years his patrons say "he was marvelously successful."

In May, 1897 he was elected superintendent of the High Point Graded Schools, and our people at home and in every section of the State are familiar with his successful organization, government and discipline of our schools.



INTERIOR M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

## HIGH POINT M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

Was organized originally in 1858; the present pastoral charge was organized December 2, 1867, with Rev. E. H. Davis pastor, having 116 members.

Rev. J. W. Jones succeeded Rev. E. H. Davis in 1890, and served the charge until 1894. Then came Rev. S. H. Hilliard, who remained till 1897. The church has been served by Rev. J. R. Scroggs since November 22, 1897, to present time.

This charge has 345 members, one splendid Sunday school, with Dr. W. G. Bradshaw superintendent and J. S. Welborn secretary.



REV. J. R. SCROGGS,  
Pastor M. E. Church, South.

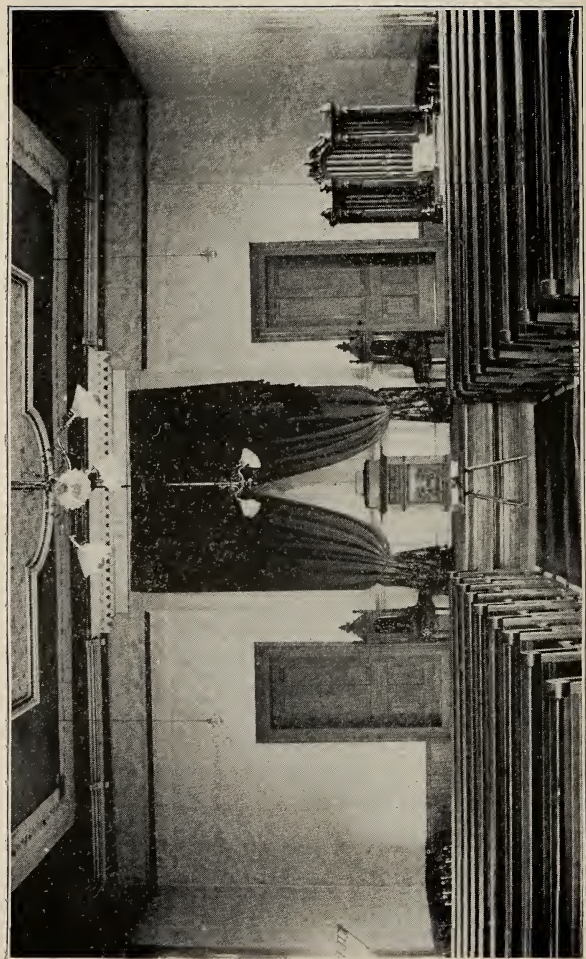
It has a good Epworth League, with V. A. J. Idol president. Also a Junior League.

The church building is of brick, large and commodious, costing about \$10,000.

The church owns an excellent parsonage, new and well furnished, value \$2,000.

Some \$12,000 or \$15,000 have been expended in church improvement in the last five or six years.

The charge is growing from year to year, and promises to be equal to the best in a few years.



INTERIOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.



## HIGH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Was organized in Old Jamestown in 1832 with five members—two males and three females—and in July, 1859, it moved to High Point. Here its first regular pastor was that good man, J. B. Jackson, followed by S. W. Howerton and Pinkney Baldwin. From September, 1864, to August, 1866, regular services were suspended on account of Confederate war and its results. For a year during this time the house was used for a hospital. Latter part of 1866 Elder Wm. Turner became pastor and so

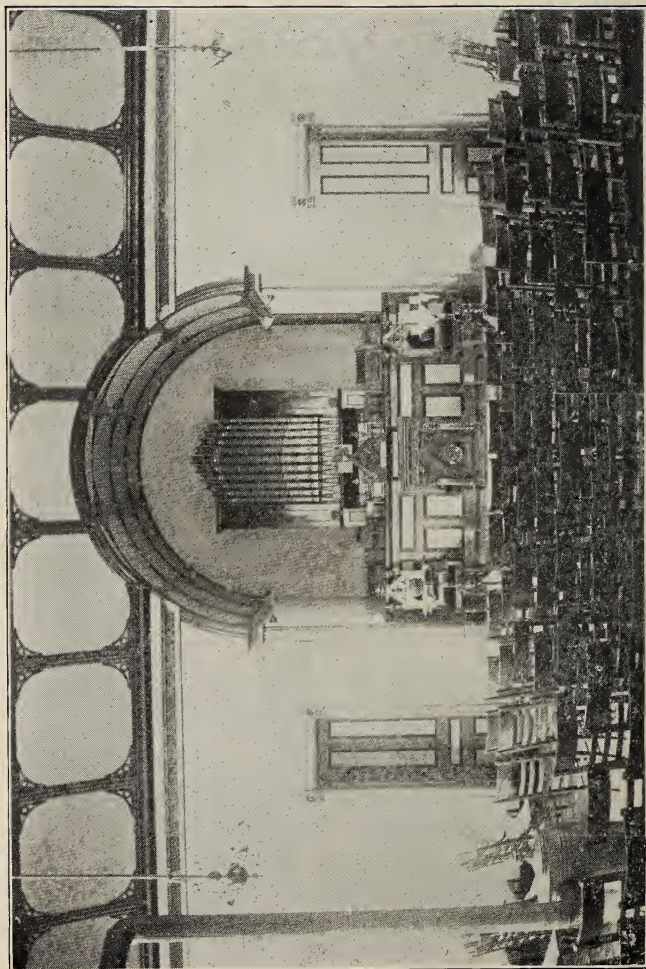


REV. DR. J. B. RICHARDSON,  
Pastor First Baptist Church.

continued till 1870. Since then the church has had some ten different pastors. The present pastor being Rev. Dr. J. B. Richardson.

Present membership near 200. Services every Sabbath, with a good Sunday school, live weekly prayer-meeting, strong Young People's Union, and two working ladies societies, namely, Mission and Aid.

Also they have a fine working Mission Chapel in Ward No. 4, under direction of Elder J. M. Hilliard, with encouraging prospects.



INTERIOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The High Point Presbyterian Church was organized in 1859 by Rev. P. H. Dalton. In spite of heavy losses from time to time, by death and removal and other adverse circumstances, it has steadily grown. The present beautiful new edifice was erected in 1896 during the ministry of Rev. Lee Harrell. It is one of the prettiest and most up-to-date church buildings to be found in the State.



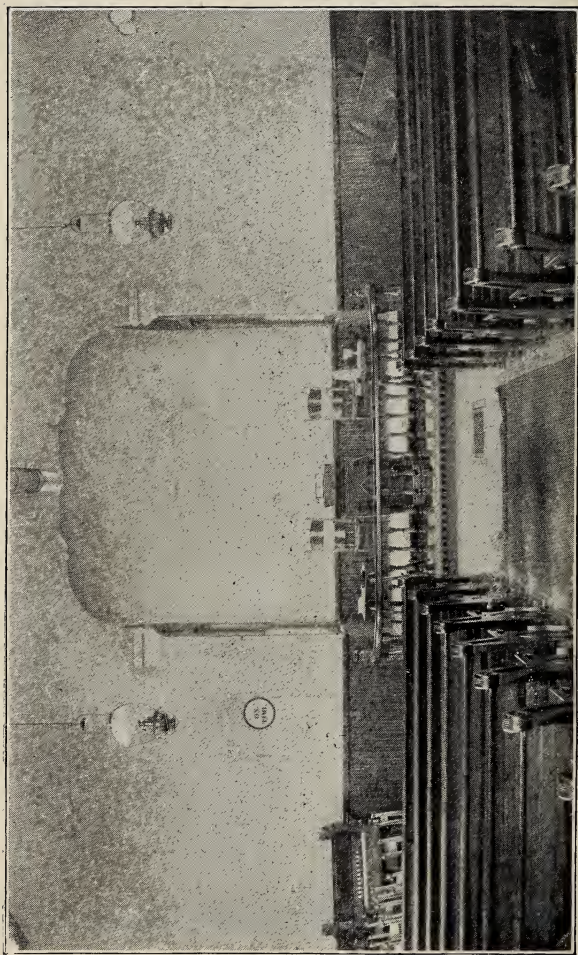
REV. J. W. GOODMAN,  
Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

In connection with the church are two flourishing Sabbath schools, both of them superintended by E. A. Snow, an elder in the church.

The membership has increased rapidly in the last two years, until now the total is over 200.

The pastor has an enthusiastic membership, a very large per cent. of his congregation showing an interest in the work. The congregation is one of the largest in the community.





INTERIOR METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.



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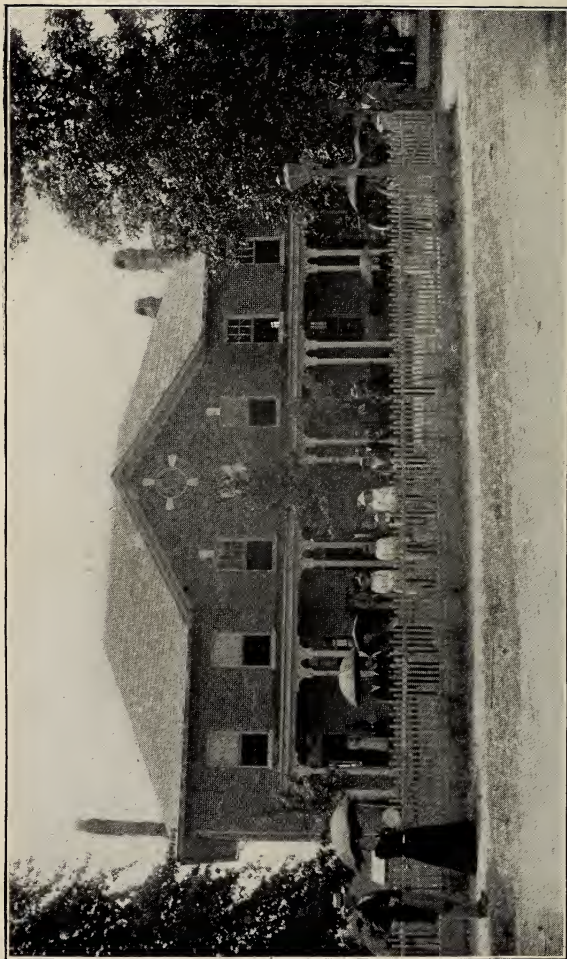
In June, 1894, Rev. W. R. Lowdermilk, the present pastor, commenced the subscription for the Methodist Protestant church building. At that time the membership of the church was only thirteen.

On the fourth Sunday in September, 1895, the church was dedicated, the opening sermon being preached by Rev. F. T. Tagg, of Baltimore. In the evening Rev. T. J. Ogburn preached the dedicatory sermon and organized the church. At the follow-



REV. W. R. LOWDERMILK,  
Pastor Methodist Protestant Church.

ing conference Mr. Lowdermilk was made pastor, and has remained so since. It will be in order to say that this "original thirteen" and the friends in the community and county and state have stood by him in the struggle to build, and their faithfulness made it an easy task. Since the organization the church has steadily grown in numbers, till it now numbers one hundred and twenty-three members. Sunday School scholars on roll, one hundred and forty-six; thirty members in Y. P. S. C. E., and fifty-four Juniors.



FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE.

## THE FRIENDS.

High Point is somewhat of a center of Quaker life and influence, for besides being the seat of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, and possessing a local church of considerable strength, Friends meetings radiate from it in all directions. Historic Springfield is a mile and a half distant, Archdale three miles, Deep River and Pine Woods six miles, New Garden and Guilford College twelve miles, and so on in ever widening circles.

High Point Friends Meeting is an offshoot of Springfield. It has 173 members, some 54 of whom are under 21 years of age and some are non-residents. The church has three resident ministers, J. Robert Parker, Thos. E. Anderson and Meade A. Kelsey.



REV. MEADE A. KELSEY,  
Pastor Friends Church.

It has an interesting Sabbath School in charge of Dr. J. J. Cox as Superintendent, and a live Christian Endeavor Society. The meetings are held in the Yearly Meeting House.

**THE FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING:** For one week in each year the Friends have virtual possession of High Point, the occasion being the annual gathering of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The event is always fraught with interest which is usually increased by the presence of a number of prominent visitors from abroad. The meeting property is pleasantly located in the north-west part of the city, and embraces a beautiful grove of over seven acres, the gift of our townsman, Dr. W. O. Jones.

## CAPT. A. M. RANKIN.

Born in Guilford county, North Carolina. For twenty years he has been conductor on what is now the Southern Railway. He is president of the Tate Furniture Co., president of the Alma Furniture Co., stockholder in the National Bank of High Point and the Home Furniture Co. Director High Point Mantel and Table Co.; director Bank of Randolph. He is

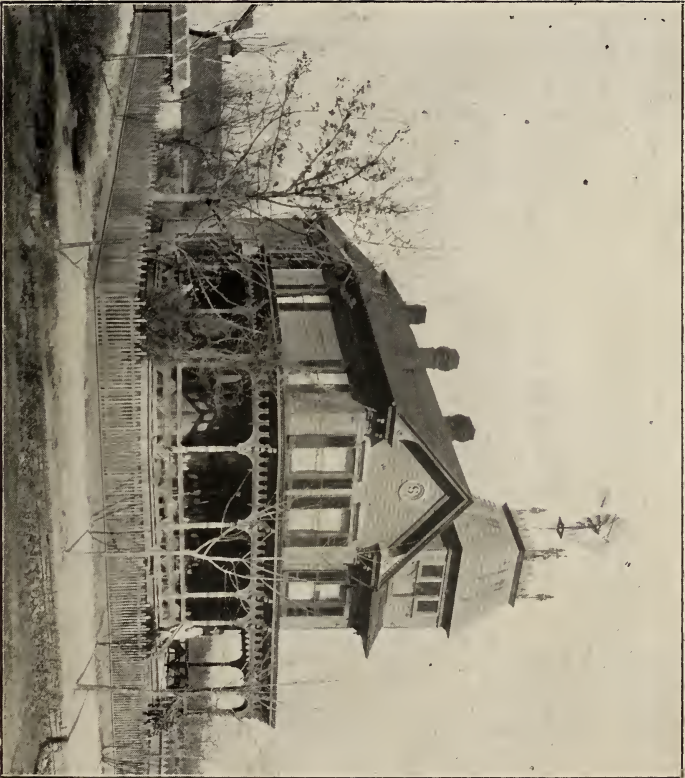


CAPT. A. M. RANKIN.

also interested in enterprises in Greensboro and Asheboro. Capt. Rankin is the wealthiest railroad conductor in the State.

Capt. Rankin is a credit to the company with which he has been connected so long. His popularity among our people in a local way, is akin to that of Mr. M. V. Richards, the head of the Immigration Department of the Southern Railway, which is doing so much for the section of country through which the road runs.





Residence F. D. Steele.

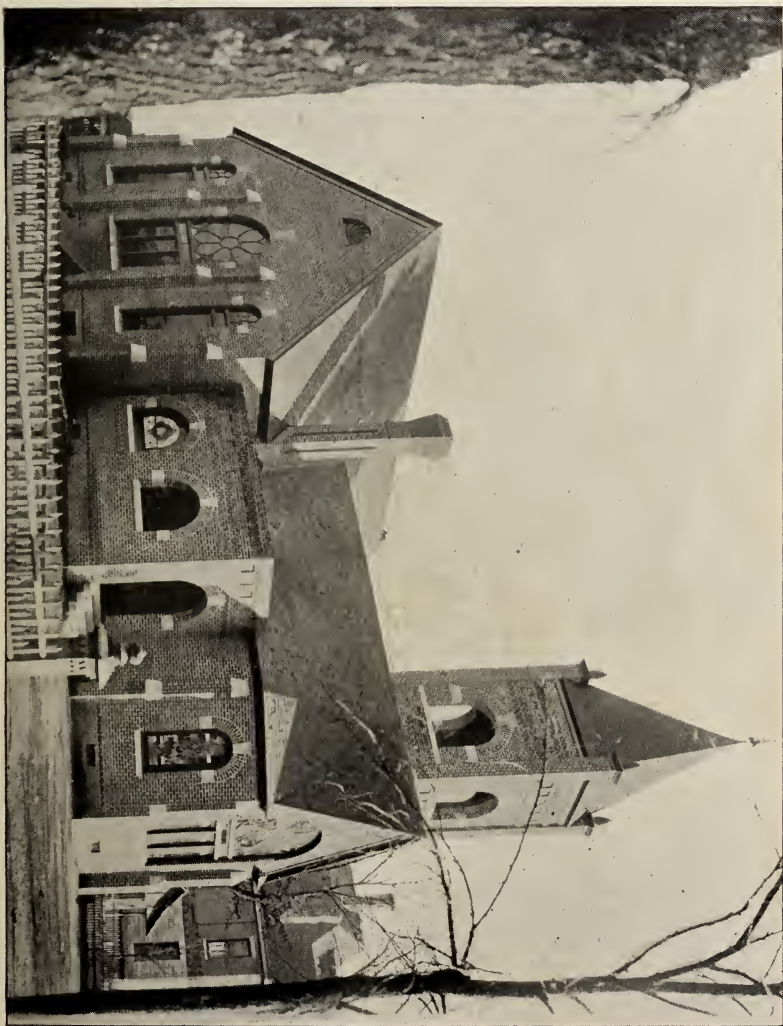
## DR. J. W. BURTON.

Born in Davidson county in 1847. Remained on his father's farm until he was twenty years old, when he went to Olin, Iredell county, as clerk in a store. While a clerk he read the medical course through twice. He read medicine for two or three years. In 1870 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md. The institution then went under the



DR. J. W. BURTON.

name of Washington University. He graduated from there in February, 1872. He commenced the practice of medicine in High Point in April, 1872, remaining until 1876, when he went to Bentley, Ills., remaining there until August, 1880, when he returned to High Point, where he has remained ever since in the practice of medicine.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



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